

## APNewsBreak: BP, feds in talks over spill fines



Navy Secretary Ray Mabus, tasked by President Barack Obama to develop a long-term Gulf Coast restoration plan in the wake of the BP oil spill, is interviewed by the Associated Press at the Pentagon, Thursday, Aug. 26, 2010.

(AP Photo/Charles Dharapak)

By HARRY R. WEBER  
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NEW ORLEANS – BP and the Obama administration are discussing a possible settlement over fines for the company's massive Gulf of Mexico oil spill in an effort to avoid a costly legal fight that would delay that money from reaching the affected states, a congressman said Tuesday. Rep. Steve Scalise, R-La., told The Associated Press that members of his staff got information about the talks while working on oil spill-related legislation he is proposing. Scalise said the goal of the talks between BP PLC and the government is to reach a deal instead of having to fight it out in court. He said the two sides appear to be at odds over whether BP should be considered grossly negligent for the spill, a finding that could mean higher fines.

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## Al Gore visits Aruba

*To speak at Green Energy  
Conference*

ORANJESTAD – Former Vice President of the U.S.A. and Nobel Peace Laureate Al Gore will be the keynote speaker at the opening of the conference “Our Future with Green Energy” in Aruba on September 29, 2010, the Dutch Caribbean island's minister of finance, communication, utilities and energy and conference host, Mike de Meza announced recently “We are happy, proud and most honored to be able to announce that Mr. Al Gore, former vice president of the United States of America and Nobel Peace laureate has accepted to be the keynote speaker at our first conference on green energy,” De Meza announced at a press conference. “Vice President Gore is one of the most important driving forces behind the green

awareness movement. The wisdom of Mr. Gore's words will be of great value to our delegates as well,” Minister De Meza added.

Albert Arnold “Al” Gore Jr. (Washington D.C., March 31, 1948) was the 45th Vice President of the United States of America. The Nobel Prize in Peace 2007 was awarded jointly to Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) and Mr. Gore “for their efforts to build up and disseminate greater knowledge about man-made climate change, and to lay the foundations for the measures that are needed to counteract such change”.

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## GUNMAN KILL SELF

*After shooting*

University of Texas students gather as police respond to a shooting inside a campus library in Austin on Tuesday Sept. 28, 2010. A gunman opened fire Tuesday inside Perry-Castaneda Library then fatally shot himself, and police are searching for a possible second suspect, university police said. (AP Photo/Austin American-Statesman, Larry Kolvoord)

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# Grandson: Carter 'doing fine' at Ohio hospital

By MEGHAN BARR,  
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CLEVELAND – Former President Jimmy Carter, on a trip promoting his new book, developed an upset stomach on a flight to Cleveland on Tuesday and was taken to a hospital, officials said.

Carter's grandson, Georgia state Sen. Jason Carter, said his 85-year-old grandfather was doing fine.

"He's definitely resting comfortably and expected to continue his book tour this week," Jason Carter said. "I haven't talked to him, but nobody in the family is concerned."

Carter said earlier on his Facebook page that his grandfather had left the hospital, but he later told The Associated Press he had the wrong information. A spokeswoman at MetroHealth hospital in Cleveland confirmed he was still there Tuesday afternoon.

Carter was a passenger on a Delta Air Lines flight from Atlanta to Cleveland when he became ill. After the plane landed, he was taken off by rescue crews, said Jackie Mayo, a spokeswoman at Cleveland Hopkins International Airport.

He was wheeled into an emergency room at MetroHealth on a stretcher and later was up and walking around, said Mary Atkins, who had taken her daughter to the hospital for medical treatment and saw Carter from a nearby room.

"He walked by the room and he was saying he was ready to go," she said. "They had Secret Service everywhere." The Carter Center, the Atlanta-based nonprofit known for its international work on human

rights and public health, said Carter was expected to resume his book tour this week.

President Barack Obama, stopping at a restaurant in Albuquerque, N.M., said he planned to call Carter to see how he is.

About 500 people had waited in line Tuesday afternoon at Joseph-Beth Booksellers in suburban Cleveland, where Carter was scheduled to sign copies of his new book, "White House Diary." The event was later canceled, as was a Tuesday night appearance at the Regulator Bookshop in Durham, N.C., according to his publisher.

"It's crazy for an 85-year-old guy to fly ... just to sign some books," said Regulator Bookshop co-owner John Valentine. "He's a brave guy. His health is most important."

Carter expected to continue the book tour later this week and was next scheduled to appear at two events in Washington, D.C., including one at the Smithsonian Institution, said Kathy Daneman, publicity manager at publisher Farrar, Straus & Giroux.

In the book, Carter said he pursued an overly aggressive agenda as president that may have confused voters and alienated lawmakers. But he said the tipping points that cost him the 1980 election were the Iran hostage crisis and the Democratic primary challenge by U.S. Sen. Ted Kennedy.

Carter, a former peanut farmer elected to the White House in 1976, has spent his recent years pursuing peace and human rights, efforts that won him the Nobel Peace Prize in 2002. □



Former US president Jimmy Carter, 85, pictured in April 2020, was hospitalized Tuesday in Cleveland, Ohio, after falling ill on a flight to the city, an airport spokeswoman said.



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# Residents long suspected corruption in Bell



A woman aims a kick at an image of former City Manager Robert Rizzo, made during his arrest early Tuesday at his Huntington Beach home, as residents of the city of Bell, Calif., celebrate the arrest of current and former city officials on corruption charges, outside City Hall Tuesday, Sept. 21, 2010.

(AP Photo/Reed Saxon)

By JOHN ROGERS,  
Associated Press Writer

BELL, Calif. — A few would-be whistleblowers suspected for years that the government in this working-class Los Angeles suburb was corrupt and that leaders were secretly paying themselves six-figure salaries.

But their attempts to uncover the scandal were stifled at every turn by the city. They claim they were mocked, insulted and intimidated and that their public information requests were shredded or falsified. They were cut off or ignored at City Council meetings when they tried to confront leaders.

“Every meeting I went to there were people addressing issues left and right,” said Roger Ramirez, an emergency medical technician who grew up in Bell and has been attending City Council meetings regularly since 1992. “They would just blow people off. They would give you a time limit of two minutes to speak, tell you, ‘We’re working on the agenda, we need to get on with this, and

cut you off.’”

Bell has become a national embarrassment in recent weeks since it was revealed that top city officials in the modest blue-collar suburb were making gigantic salaries, including \$787,637 a year paid to the city manager and nearly \$100,000 for four members of a City Council that normally meets just once a month. A prosecutor called it “corruption on steroids” last week as eight officials were hauled into jail.

City Manager Robert Rizzo lived lavishly. He owns a home in upscale Huntington Beach a mile from the ocean that is valued at almost \$1 million. He also has a horse ranch near Seattle where

acquaintances said he kept several thoroughbred horses. When numerous perks like vacation, insurance and other benefits were added to his salary, his total compensation package from Bell was about \$1.5 million a year.

The City Council members lived in modest homes in the community, but residents say they drove expensive cars and talked of taking overseas vacations to China and elsewhere.

The criminal charges have made the scandal all the more frustrating to people like Ramirez, who believe they could have uncovered the abuses years ago.

When he publicly confronted the City Council more than two years ago about a tip he’d received that Rizzo was paid several hundred thousand dollars a year, Ramirez says he was all but laughed at. He was told if he didn’t believe the salary tip was a lie, he should go to City Hall and look up the salaries himself.

When he tried to do just that, Ramirez says, he was told to file a formal request under the state’s Public Records Act. When he complied, a city official handed him a report weeks later that listed Rizzo’s salary as about \$180,000 and the council salaries as about \$8,000 a year.

A criminal complaint filed by Los Angeles County District

Attorney Steve Cooley’s office said that Rizzo “did steal, remove, secrete, destroy, mutilate, deface, alter and falsify” the documents Ramirez requested.

Rizzo’s attorney, James Spertus, has said his client did nothing wrong. While the public may believe his client’s salary was too high, Spertus said, the City Council chose to

pay him that because members thought he was worth it. City Council also have maintained they did nothing illegal.

Cooley said Rizzo was able to exploit the city on behalf of himself and others thanks to an “uninvolved electorate.”

“They have to really care about their city,” Cooley said. “This was not the case in this instance.” □

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There was no immediate comment from BP or the Justice Department.

Scalise made his comments to AP after appearing at a news conference with Navy Secretary Ray Mabus, who was in New Orleans to discuss his report recommending that a significant portion of the possible fines for companies involved in the spill be placed in a fund for Gulf restoration. He said it would be up to Congress to determine how much of the fines to set aside.

An April 20 rig explosion in the Gulf killed 11 workers and led to 206 million gallons of oil spewing from BP's undersea well. Penalties can be levied against BP, which owned the well and was leasing the rig that exploded, under a variety of environmental protection laws, including fines of up to \$1,100 under the Clean Water Act for each barrel of oil spilled. If BP were found to have committed gross negligence or willful misconduct, the fine could be up to \$4,300 per barrel.

That means that based on the 4.9 million barrels released from the Macondo well, BP could face civil fines under the Clean Water Act alone of between \$5.4 billion and \$21.1 billion.

Dedicating fines levied against BP and other companies involved in the Deepwater Horizon accident to restoration and directly to Gulf states, which the Mabus report also calls for, will require a change in law.

Currently, Clean Water Act fines go into a trust fund to pay for oil spill cleanups.

Scalise and Sen. Mary Landrieu, D-La., support legislation that would require that at least 80 percent of the civil and criminal penalties charged to BP under the Clean Water Act be returned to the Gulf Coast for long-term economic and environmental recovery. The bill is still pending.

Richard Stewart, who led the government's prosecution of Exxon for the Exxon Valdez incident, told the national oil spill commission Tuesday that criminal charges and stiff civil penalties will likely drive BP to settle. Stewart now teaches law at New York University.

"It's a negotiation," Scalise said. "If they can't reach an agreement then it would go to court. We would be able to get that money to the Gulf coast quicker if they would agree to it." In New Orleans, Mabus said that under his plan, the money would not have to be spent solely on repairing damage caused by the oil spill. Rather, he said, he envisions some of it being spent on repairing wetlands damaged over the years by the construction of canals to serve coastal oilfields.

Mabus said that with the equipment and manpower already in the Gulf repairing damage from the oil spill, it would be cheaper and more efficient to also repair the coastline from other damage it has suffered over the years.

Mabus is proposing that a panel be set up to administer any money set aside from the fines for coastal restoration. He said there should be a federal and state chair on the panel.

A senior administration official, speaking on condition of anonymity because the announcement hadn't yet been made, said the White House has already endorsed Mabus' proposal.

Even before the announcement had been made, state and local officials were saying how it should be spent and managed.

"My view is that it should be specific to the injury and the subject that we are dealing with," Landrieu said during testimony before the oil spill commission Obama set up to investigate the accident. She named coastal restoration, ocean education, energy infrastructure and levee protection as possible projects.

# Obama both rallies, scolds Dems in campaign trip

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ALBUQUERQUE, N.M.

— Buck up. Stop whining. And get to work.

Clearly frustrated by Republicans' energy — and his own party's lack of enthusiasm — President Barack Obama scolded fellow Democrats even as he rallied them Tuesday in an effort to save the party from big GOP gains in the crucial midterm elections. In the final month of campaigning, he's trying to re-energize young voters, despondent liberals and other Democrats whose excitement over his election has dissipated.

"It is inexcusable for any Democrat or progressive right now to stand on the sidelines," the president declared in a Rolling Stone magazine interview. He said that supposed supporters who are "sitting on their hands complaining" are irresponsible because the consequences of Republican congressional victories could be dashed Democratic plans.

He gave an example during a backyard conversation with New Mexico voters, arguing that Republicans would reverse the progress he's made on education reform and student aid. "That's the choice that we've got in this election," Obama said, underscoring the stakes of Nov. 2 before heading to a rally at the University of Wisconsin in Madison.

It's the first of four large rallies planned for the campaign homestretch as the president tries to rekindle some of his 2008 campaign magic and fire up young supporters and others who helped elect



President Barack Obama addresses an invited group of guest at the home of Andy Cavalier, Tuesday, Sept. 28, 2010 in Albuquerque, N.M.

Obama but who Democrats fear may stay home this fall. Top lieutenants Vice President Joe Biden, Democratic Party Chairman Tim Kaine and Cabinet members also fanned out on other college campuses to call party foot soldiers to action.

At Penn State University in State College, Pa., Biden noted he was criticized a day earlier in New Hampshire for urging Democrats to "remind our base constituency to stop whining and get out there and look at the alternatives."

"All I heard when I got here in Happy Valley was the roar of lion. Folks, it's time for us to roar," Biden said, pressing his audience to knock on doors, make phone calls and commit to vote.

With the elections looming, the White House and Democratic Party are focused primarily on trying to compel their core voters — liberals and minority groups — as well as the ideologically broad coalition that helped elect Obama in 2008 to participate in the first congressional elections of his presidency.

They have little choice. Midterm contests largely come down to which party can get

(AP Photo/Craig Fritz) out more of its backers. And polls show that Republicans are far more enthusiastic this year partly because of tea party anger. Also, polls show Democrats can't count on independent voters who carried them to victory in consecutive national elections.

Mindful of that and armed with polling, the White House has started arguing that voters who backed Obama in 2008 must turn out for Democrats this year because the GOP wants to undo what the president has accomplished, that the "hope and change" Obama backers embraced two years ago is at risk if Republicans sweep these elections.

"We are focused on motivation, not laying blame or pointing fingers, because the consequences for sitting this election out could be disastrous," said Dan Pfeiffer, the White House communications director.

White House aides said House Republicans "Pledge to America" last week made it easier for Obama to do something he's been trying for weeks: to frame the election as a choice between Democrats' ideas and Republicans' proposals.



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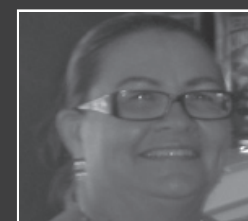
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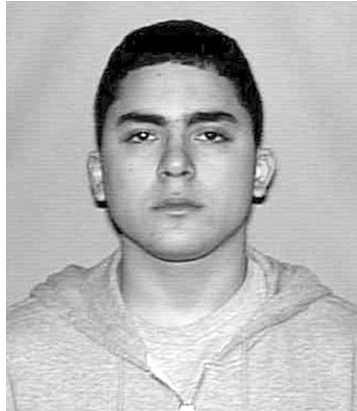
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In this undated photo released by the Texas Department of Public Safety, Colton Joshua Tooley is shown. Tooley, wearing a dark suit and a ski mask, on Tuesday, Sept. 28, 2010 opened fire with an assault rifle on the University of Texas campus before fleeing into a library and fatally shooting himself. No one else was hurt.

(AP Photo/Texas Department of Public Safety)

By **KELLEY SHANNON**,  
Associated Press Writer

AUSTIN, Texas — A student wearing a dark suit and a ski mask opened fire Tuesday with an assault rifle on the University of Texas campus before fleeing into a library

## Gunman opens fire at UT in Austin, kills himself

and fatally shooting himself. No one else was hurt.

The shooting began near a fountain in front of the UT Tower — the site of one of the nation's deadliest shooting rampages more than four decades ago, when a gunman ascended the clock tower and fired down on dozens of people. Within hours of Tuesday's gunfire, the school issued an all-clear notice, but the university remained closed, and the area around the library was still considered a crime scene.

"Our campus is safe," school President Bill Powers said.

Austin Police Chief Art Acevedo expected the school to be "completely open and back to normal" by Wednesday morning.

Authorities identified the gunman as 19-year-old Colton Tooley, a sophomore math major. Police declined to speculate on his motive. Tooley's parents did not

immediately respond to a message left by The Associated Press.

The 50,000-student university had been on lockdown while officers with bomb-sniffing dogs carried out a building-by-building manhunt.

After the gunfire, authorities searched for a possible second shooter, but they eventually concluded the gunman acted alone. Confusion about the number of suspects arose because shots were fired in multiple locations, and officers received varying descriptions from witnesses, campus police Chief Robert Dahlstrom said.

Before reaching the library, the gunman apparently walked for several blocks wearing a mask and dark clothing and carrying an automatic weapon, witnesses said.

Construction worker Ruben Cordoba said he was installing a fence on the roof of a three-story building near the library when he looked down and

made eye contact with the suspect.

"I saw in his eyes he didn't care," Cordoba said.

The gunman continued down the street, firing three shots toward a campus church, then changed direction and fired three more times into the air, Cordoba said.

A garbage truck driver leaped out of his vehicle and ran away, as did a woman carrying two babies, the construction worker said. "I'm not scared, but I was scared for the people around me," Cordoba said.

Randall Wilhite, an adjunct law professor, said he was driving to class when he saw "students start scrambling behind wastebaskets, trees and monuments," and then a young man carrying an assault rifle sprinting along the street. "He was running right in front of me ... and he shot what I thought were three more shots ... not at me. In my direction, but not at me," Wilhite said.

The professor said the gunman had the opportunity to shoot several people, but he did not. Police said it was unclear whether the gunman was targeting anyone with the AK-47.

Oscar Trevino, whose daughter works on campus, said she told him she was walking to work near the library when she heard two shots behind her. She started to run and fell down. She said she later heard another shot.

"She's freaking out. I'm trying to calm her down. I've just been telling her I love her and relax, everything's fine," Trevino said.

Acevedo said officers were able to track the gunman's movements with the help of students who "kept pointing in the right direction."

The police chief said he believes the gunman ran into the library as officers closed in on him, then shot himself in the head on the sixth floor. □

## Court orders hearing for condemned Calif. Inmate

By **PAUL ELIAS**,  
Associated Press Writer

SAN FRANCISCO — A federal judge on Tuesday gave lawyers six hours to file written arguments on whether California's first execution in nearly five years should go forward.

The order came after a fast-paced day and night of topsy-turvy legal developments, the results of which cast doubt on whether Albert Greenwood Brown would be executed at 9 p.m. Thursday, as planned.

If prison officials miss that deadline by more than three hours, neither Brown nor any other death row inmate could be executed this year because the supply of one of the drugs

used in lethal injections expires Friday and prison officials won't receive a fresh batch until next year.

The timing was further complicated late Monday, when the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ordered U.S. District Court Judge Jeremy Fogel to reconsider his decision refusing to block the execution.

"After a four-year moratorium on executions in California, multiple proceedings in federal court, a state administrative law proceeding, and state court appeals, it is incredible to think that the deliberative process might be driven by the expiration date of the execution drug," the court

said.

The appeals court said Fogel needed to take more time than he did to assess the state's new lethal injection procedure adopted last month.

Fogel then asked attorneys Tuesday to file legal arguments addressing whether the procedures avoid imposing cruel and unusual punishment.

Fogel ordered a halt to California executions in 2006 and ordered prison officials to overhaul the lethal injection process, which he found to be deeply flawed.

After two years of legal wrangling and bureaucratic maneuvering, the state said it was ready to execute inmates.



Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger speaks at the Commonwealth Club in Santa Clara, Calif., Monday, Sept. 27, 2010. Schwarzenegger delayed the state's first execution since 2006 by nearly two days Monday to allow more time for courts to consider the condemned inmate's appeals.

(AP Photo/Paul Sakuma)

Prison authorities have constructed a new death chamber, overhauled how it selects and trains its execution team and made several other changes to its lethal injection procedures to comply with

Fogel's order.

On Friday, Fogel refused to block Brown's execution, saying it appeared the state had made significant process in improving its procedures. □



# U.S. soldier held in slayings of 2 GIs in Iraq

MAZIN YAHYA

Associated Press Writer

BAGHDAD (AP) — An American serviceman is being held in Iraq in connection with the fatal shootings of two soldiers and the wounding of another following an apparent argument, the U.S. military said Tuesday.

A statement by U.S. forces said Spc. Neftaly Platero was in custody during the investigation into last week's slayings in Fallujah, a former insurgent stronghold 40 miles west of Baghdad. Col. Barry Johnson, a U.S. military spokesman, said a "verbal altercation" broke out among four soldiers last Thursday and the suspect "allegedly took his weapon and began shooting the other soldiers."

Platero is from the Houston area, Johnson said.

The Pentagon said Spc. John Carrillo Jr., 20, of Stockton, California, and Pfc. Gebrah P. Noonan, 26, of Watertown, Connecticut died the next day. They were assigned to 3rd Battalion, 15th Infantry Regiment, 4th Infantry Brigade Combat Team based at Fort Stewart, Ga.

The name of the wounded soldier was not released. No other details were immediately available.

Military spokesman Brig. Gen. Jeffrey Buchanan says U.S. forces are "saddened by this tragic event."

In an unrelated incident, the Pentagon said another U.S. soldier died last Friday in an accident in Kuwait. A statement said Army Spc. Marc C. Whisenant, 23, of Holly Hill, Fla., died in a military vehicle roll-over. It offered no details, including whether the soldier was inside the vehicle.

Whisenant was assigned to the Florida National Guard's 1st Battalion, 124th Infantry Regiment that is based at Miami. Some soldiers sent to support the seven-year war in Iraq are stationed in Kuwait, a military shuttle point for equipment, supplies and personnel.

Tuesday was a deadly day for three Iraqi security officials who were killed in separate nighttime attacks in two northern cities.

A bomb stuck to a car exploded Tuesday night near a popular cafe in Tarmiyah, killing two policemen and wounding eight customers, local police and hospital officials said. Tarmiyah is



U.S. Army soldiers secure the scene of a roadside bomb attack in Basra, Iraq's second-largest city, 340 miles southeast of Baghdad, Iraq, Wednesday, Sept. 15, 2010.

Associated Press

located 30 miles north of Baghdad. About an hour later, officials said attackers broke in the home of a policeman in the former insurgent stronghold of Samarra and killed him. A health worker confirmed the death. Samarra is the site of the landmark golden-domed and revered Shiite Askariya shrine that was bombed in

2006 — an attack that sparked months of sectarian slaughter.

Attacks on Iraqi security forces have stepped up in recent months as the U.S. military begins to withdraw from the country.

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## Israel navy halts Gaza-bound boat without violence



Israeli naval commando boats escort the Irene, center right, a boat carrying nine Jewish activists attempting to breach Israel's naval blockade of Gaza, to the port of Ashdod, in the Mediterranean sea, southern Israel, Tuesday, Sept. 28, 2010.

*Associated Press*

**AISHA MOHAMMED**

**Associated Press Writer**

ASHDOD, Israel (AP) — Israeli naval forces seized a sailboat Tuesday carrying nine Jewish activists toward blockaded Gaza without meeting any resistance and then escorted it safely to shore, the military said. The incident came four months after a deadly Israeli raid on a Turkish-led international flotilla, in which Israeli naval commandos killed nine Turkish activists, one of them a dual Turkish-American citizen.

The sailboat Irene, like the earlier flotilla, was trying to

breach Israel's three-year-old naval blockade of the Palestinian territory.

Pro-Palestinian activists have sailed a string of blockade-busting boats to the coastal strip over the past two years. Few have reached Gaza, but they have become a headache for Israeli security, shaken the country's policies toward Gaza and damaged its image abroad.

On Tuesday, a U.N. expert panel investigating the deadly May raid accused Israel of suppressing seized footage from the Turkish-led flotilla.

Israel imposed the blockade in 2007 after the Islamic militant

Hamas group seized Gaza, a crowded seaside territory on Israel's southwest corner.

Israel intended to stop Hamas, which has fired thousands of rockets toward Jewish communities, from building up its arsenal, weaken the group's grip on power and pressure them to release a captured Israeli soldier. None of those goals have been achieved, and the blockade deepened the misery among Gaza's impoverished population of 1.5 million people.

Responding to the anger after the bloody raid on the Turkish flotilla, Israel significantly eased the blockade.

The Irene set sail earlier this week from Turkish-controlled Northern Cyprus.

The passengers included a former Israeli fighter pilot; an Israeli man whose daughter was killed by a Palestinian suicide bomber, Rami Elhanan, and Jewish American and European activists. The passengers said they wanted to show that not all Jews support the Israeli blockade. They acknowledged that it was unlikely that they would reach Gaza and said they would not resist.

The military said it took over the boat after the captain ignored two warnings to turn back.

"No violence of any kind was used," it said.

Army footage showed two gunboats flanking the Irene before black-clad commandos jumped aboard and seized control. The boat was then tugged to the southern Israeli port of Ashdod, flanked by three naval vessels.

The boat's cargo, including medicines, toys and water purifiers, was expected to be transferred into Gaza.

A lawyer for the activists met the detained Israeli passengers in Ashdod and said they were likely to be released by Tuesday evening, said Elhanan's 18-year-old son, Yigal, who spoke to the lawyer.

"At first we were worried. We didn't know what the army will do, we didn't know what the sea will do, but now it's OK," said the younger Elhanan. "We are very proud of him."

The foreigners were transported to an immigration lockup, said Miri Weingarten, a spokeswoman for the activists. They are likely to be speedily deported. Israeli officials confiscated the passengers' phones, making communication difficult.

With Tuesday's takeover, Israel avoided a repeat of last May's incident, in which naval commandos clashed with activists wielding clubs and

knives on board the Turkish ship. The military and the activists accuse each other of provoking the violence.

In the wake of heavy international criticism over the bloodshed, Israel eased its land blockade of Gaza to allow most formerly banned consumer goods into Gaza.

However, Israeli restrictions on construction materials, desperately needed to rebuild damage from an Israeli military offensive in early 2009, remain in place, as do travel restrictions that prevent most Gazans from leaving the tiny territory. And Israel has said it will not loosen the naval blockade on the coastal strip because of concerns that Hamas will smuggle in weapons.

Israel is still grappling with rippling reverberations of the May flotilla raid. In Geneva, three independent U.N.-appointed experts investigating the incident said Israel was suppressing footage of the incident it seized from the passengers.

Karl T. Hudson-Phillips, a former judge at the International Criminal Court who chaired the panel, said Israel's strategy was "to control information and to have a monopoly on versions as to what existed." □



# Kremlin fires defiant Moscow mayor after 18 years of service

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MOSCOW (AP) — President Dmitry Medvedev fired Moscow's boisterous mayor on Tuesday, ousting the man who gave the capital a modern facelift but destroyed some of its most precious historic landmarks amid a construction boom that turned his wife into Russia's wealthiest woman. Medvedev signed a decree relieving the 74-year-old Yuri Luzhkov of his duties due to a "loss of confidence" in him after Luzhkov openly defied the Kremlin and rejected a facesaving offer to resign after 18 years on the job.

Luzhkov's dismissal ended an increasingly hostile battle of wills, squashing a regional leader's mutiny unseen in a decade of tightening Kremlin controls. Medvedev and his predecessor and mentor, Prime

Minister Vladimir Putin, appeared to be sending a powerful signal that no regional leader was indispensable and no one should openly criticize Medvedev like Luzhkov had done.

The firing also clears the way for a redistribution of the capital's wealth, a sizable chunk of which has for years been controlled by Luzhkov's billionaire wife, construction mogul Yelena Baturina.

Some of Putin's top lieutenants were named by observers as possible successors to Luzhkov, and business groups close to Putin and Medvedev were expected to win more of Moscow's lucrative building contracts.

Some foreign businessmen were optimistic, saying that Luzhkov's departure could help eradicate some of the corruption and cronyism that poisoned the city's investment

climate.

Andrew Sommers, president of American Chamber of Commerce in Moscow, told The Associated Press that Luzhkov's ouster should not affect foreign investment in Moscow — and could even encourage more free competition.

"How contacts are rewarded could benefit from a more transparent system," he said.

Hawk Sunshine, head of investment banking at Moscow-based Metropolbank, also voiced hope that a broader circle of investors could gain access to construction contracts.

"Luzhkov has been in power for so long, he's institutionalized preferences," he said. "So any non-market-based relations could be reversed now."

Most of Moscow's roads have not seen significant improvement for the past 20



Moscow Mayor Yuri Luzhkov reacts during the Unesco's early childhood care conference in Moscow, Russia, on Monday, Sept. 27, 2010.

Associated Press

years although the number of cars has increased six-fold. Luzhkov has been criticized for the lack of new road construction and poor planning that made busy city streets even more congested. "Infrastructure for the city needs to be fixed because the amount of the traffic here is diabolical," said Sunshine. Tuesday's firing ended months of rumors that Luzhkov was on the way out.

"It's hard to imagine a

situation in which (Luzhkov) and the president of Russia ... continue to work together when the president has lost confidence in the regional leader," Medvedev said in Shanghai, where he was on an official visit.

Luzhkov made no public comment Tuesday, but in a resignation letter to United Russia, the ruling party headed by Putin, he suggested there had been an orchestrated campaign to oust him. □

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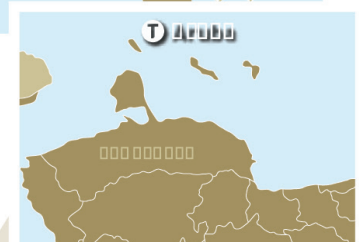
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# Rain hampers rescue efforts in Mexican mudslide

**IXTLI MARTINEZ**

**Associated Press Writer**

OAXACA, Mexico (AP) — A hillside collapsed on hundreds of sleeping residents in a rural Mexican community early Tuesday, adding to the deadly toll that weeks of heavy rains have exacted on parts of Latin America.

Authorities in the town of Santa Maria Tlahuitoltepec said seven people were killed in the mudslide and at least 100 were missing, but the leader of their state, Oaxaca Gov. Ulises Ruiz, reported four confirmed dead and 12 missing.

President Felipe Calderon reported on his Twitter account that an Army commander and 30 soldiers had reached the town by foot and that there was a lot of damage, but “perhaps not of the magnitude initially reported.”

“We are very saddened by this tragedy, very sad but very determined to do everything in God’s power to save the victims who are alive in this landslide and to help the people of Santa Maria,” Calderon told reporters.

Communications with



People watch the badly damaged bridge that crosses the Macuilxochitl river near the town of Tlacolula, Mexico Tuesday Sept. 28, 2010. Rescue operations attempting to reach the town of Santa Maria de Tlahuitoltepec have been delayed due to the condition of the bridge. Authorities fear hundreds may have died in this community after a hillside collapsed over several homes.

the town about 130 miles southeast of Mexico City have been difficult since the pre-dawn slide. Soldiers and civil protection and Red Cross workers couldn’t reach the area for nearly 10 hours because mud and rocks and in one case a collapsed bridge blocked roads, and bad

weather prevented helicopters from being used.

Donato Vargas, an official in Santa Maria de Tlahuitoltepec reached by a satellite telephone, said as many as 300 homes were believed to be buried, and residents who made it out early in the morning said they had no success digging out

their neighbors.

“We have been using a backhoe but there is a lot of mud. We can’t even see the homes, we can’t hear shouts, we can’t hear anything,” he said.

Vargas said the slide dragged houses packed with sleeping families some 1,300 feet (400 meters) downhill, along

*Associated Press*



Rescue workers dig for survivors at the scene of a mudslide in Giraldo, in Colombia’s northwestern Antioquia state, Tuesday, Sept. 28, 2010.

*Associated Press*

BOGOTA, Colombia (AP) — Colombian rescue officials said Tuesday it will take at least a week to unearth about 30 people who were buried by a landslide as many changed from one bus to another on a mountain road blocked by a previous slide.

## Colombian officials put mudslide death toll at 30

“There are no survivors, that’s for sure,” the regional disaster relief chief, John Freddy Rendon, told The Associated Press. President Juan Manuel Santos visited the scene Tuesday between the towns of Giraldo and Canasgordas in Antioquia state northwest of Bogota.

“The situation is very difficult,” he told reporters as rescue teams with sniffer dogs probed the tons of earth under which Rendon said were buried victims that included children, pregnant women and the inhabitants of five houses.

Witnesses described a roar as first rocks and then earth swept over the road Monday afternoon. Amateur video shows the slide bearing down and scouring away the houses.

Heavy rains in recent weeks across Colombia have triggered flooding that has claimed at least 74 lives.

Meteorologists attribute the rise in precipitation over the Colombian Andes to the “La Nina” climatic phenomenon, which is caused by a cooling of adjacent waters in the Pacific Ocean and is expected to persist into early 2011. □

with cars, livestock and light poles.

“We were all sleeping and all I heard was a loud noise and when I left the house I saw that the hill had fallen,” Vargas said. “We were left without electricity, without telephone and we couldn’t help them. There was no way to move the mud.”

One person was reported killed in a mudslide in another Oaxaca community, Villa Hidalgo, and 30 people were killed Monday in a slide in Colombia. Heavy rains, including some delivered by the remnants of Hurricane Karl and then Tropical Storm Matthew, also have produced deadly floods in southern Mexico and Central America. Oaxaca Civil Protection operations coordinator Luis Marin said the state has seen three days straight of intense rain. The state government had warned residents south of the city of Oaxaca of flooding from overflowing rivers and opened shelters in other parts of the state.

Santa Maria Tlahuitoltepec, which had 9,000 residents in 2005 according to Mexican census data, is an indigenous community high in the Sierra Norte mountains known for its music and culture.

Vargas said there is another hill about to give way in another area of town.

“We are in a serious risk situation,” Vargas said. “In all of our neighborhoods there are houses and roads cracked and about to fall.”

Huge swaths of riverside communities in southern Mexico were still under water Tuesday — flooding exacerbated by the passage of Karl and Matthew. Before Tuesday’s landslides, at least 15 deaths in Mexico were blamed on the hurricane.

In Honduras, authorities said four people, including a child, drowned in rivers and creeks swollen by Tropical Storm Matthew. The National Emergencies Commission said Tuesday that three adults died in the town of El Oregano and a 10-year-old child in the Caribbean coast town of La Lima. □



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## Aruba to host consumer-friendly fashion week in 2011

ORANJESTAD - For all you fashionistas who look forward to New York's Mercedes-Benz Fashion Week every September, only to be reminded that, aside from the Fashion's Night Out (a hugely successful one-night shopping event across NYC), access is restricted to industry insiders, media, celebrities, and other power players (Tom Ford didn't even let the media photograph his show this year), relief is on the horizon.

Mark your calendars for November 2011, and get ready to pack your bags for the first-ever Aruba fashion week.

The Aruba Tourism Authority and IMG, which stages the New York event along with over 20 other fashion weeks around the world, have teamed up to deliver a collection of fashion shows, parties, presentations, and in-store shopping experiences all over the island. Yes, Aruba in

Style will have its fair share of exclusive, invitation-only events, but for the most part, it will be accessible to everyone. The tourism authority is hoping to play off the success of the inaugural Aruba International Film Festival, held this past June and hosted by Richard Gere, which also emphasized being open to the public (tickets for screenings and other functions were available to all; most screenings cost \$7). Both events are part of an overall strategy to highlight Aruba as the Caribbean's leading fashion and entertainment destination. Keep an eye on Aruba.com for specific details on participating designers, models, and celebrities as they're announced, plus any related vacation packages. The best part: November is low season in Aruba, meaning you'll get the most affordable hotel rates—giving you the perfect excuse to splurge on shopping. □

*Vice President & Nobel Peace Laureate*

# Al Gore visits Aruba

*To speak at Green Energy Conference*



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Vice President Gore has been a much requested speaker at international debates and meetings on sustainability since the year 2000. He most passionately expresses his concern for the ecological evolution of our planet and the role of the individual herein. The documentary Mr. Gore and the IPCC produced on global warming won an Oscar at the 75th Academy Awards for Best Documentary on February 25, 2007. This documentary "An Inconvenient Truth" will be shown at various locations on Aruba prior to the Green Aruba 2010 conference.

The Government of Aruba has a very ambitious green agenda. Twenty percent of the energy needed to produce potable water and electricity is already being harvested provided by the island's first windmill park. Making use of the available sustainable energy sources, namely sun, ocean and wind, the government aims to double this percentage in the coming two years.

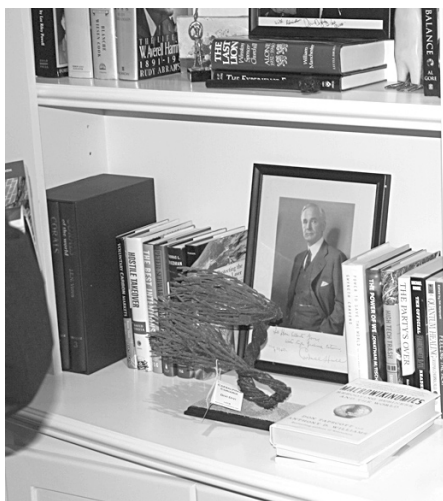
From September 29 through October 1, the government of Aruba and the local utilities companies WEB Aruba N.V., N.V. ELMAR and Utilities Aruba N.V. will host the first international conference on green energy for Aruba with as theme "Our Future with Green Energy". During the conference international experts will present the latest technologies and developments in state of the art alternative, sustainable energy technologies and



their practical use in the Caribbean.

At a tradeshow geared towards increasing national and regional awareness on the everyday use of sustainable energy tools in the home and business, on October 1, 2 and 3, the general public is offered the opportunity to get better acquainted with a numerous green technologies.

Information on the conference and tradeshow are available on the website [www.greenaruba.org](http://www.greenaruba.org). □





*Wow! Roger Peterson and his band*

## Intwine will close Cas di Glas 2010

ORANJESTAD - Local hero and internationally well-known vocalist Roger Peterson and his band Intwine will close the fundraising Cas di Glas (House of Glass) event on Sunday, November 3rd. The group, on Aruba for a sizzling concert in Zissles (formerly Mr. Jazz) on Friday, November 1st, is going to delight those who cannot make it to the concert with a short, yet memorable performance on the Cas di Glas stage. The Cas di Glas event starts on Wednesday,

September 29 with the entering of the house by three local deejays. On Sunday the two men and one woman will step out of their home, hopefully having raised a lot of money for the Koningin Wilhelmina Kankerfonds, the cancer foundation. KLM Martinair is one of the main sponsors of the tickets for Intwine. Before highlighting Intwine, the goal of the Cas di Glas happening needs a moment in the limelight. With this unique action-packed event, the organization hopes to

raise enough money to buy a mobile breast cancer screening unit for Aruba. The number of breast cancer diagnoses on Aruba is very high; even higher than the already chilling average worldwide. That is why a screening unit would undoubtedly help save lives. Back to Intwine, a Dutch rock band, which was formed in 2001 by five students of the Fontyn Rock academy in Tilburg, Holland, three of whom had Caribbean roots. Now, in 2010, the band is made up



of Roger Peterson (vocals), Jacob Streefkerk (guitar), Jan Symons (guitar) and Eric Spring in 't Veld (drums). The group gained national attention after front man Roger's performance in Idols, the Dutch version of Pop Idol. Peterson reached the last 10 before quitting the show voluntarily. Intwine scored big with their songs Happy? And Cruel Man, cross-overs of rock, Latin, reggae and hip hop. Through the years, however, the band has shifted a bit from the rock-pop of debut album Intwine (2003) and second album Perfect (2004) to a harder, darker

sound (Pyrrhic Victory – 2006) and Kingdom of Contradiction (2009). Heavy metal elements are incorporated in their most recent music and albums. Beside their reggae shows, Intwine also plays The Accoustic Rumshop sessions inchiwch they play their songs in Caribbean styles such as reggae, zouk, bolero, soca and cumbia. The Cas di Glas organization is ecstatic that Aruba's Roger Peterson and Intwine will be performing a few of their best songs during its closing night. The full-scale, thrilling Intwine concert is on Friday at Zissles. □



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the entrance of Ling & Sons Supermarket, Zuki and Vanessa were beaming: they were introducing their new product to Aruba and their one hundred cupcakes were sold out in just over an hour. The great thing was that they were selling their cupcakes for a good cause: the Cas di Glas fundraising for a mobile breast cancer screening unit.

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The Arion Wine Company will hold two more tastings at Ling & Sons Supermarket, so schedule your shopping carefully: this Friday from 5.30 - 7.30 and on Saturday.

Photo shows Maria pouring away at Ling & Sons Supermarket

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# Brickell Bay Beach Club celebrates Housekeeping Week at Amazonia Churrascaria



PALM BEACH – Brickell Bay Beach Club’s hardworking housekeepers enjoyed the night off last week to celebrate International Housekeeping Week together at Amazonia Churrascaria.

Earlier this year Brickell Bay Beach Club underwent extensive room renovations and upgrades. The process ran smoothly thanks in large part to the dedication of the hotel’s housekeepers, who made sure that guests at Brickell Bay had everything they needed to enjoy their stay at the hotel, which offers contemporary conveniences in a Caribbean setting.

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Photos show the housekeepers of Brickell Bay Beach Club enjoying the dinner held in their honor at Amazonia Churrascaria. □

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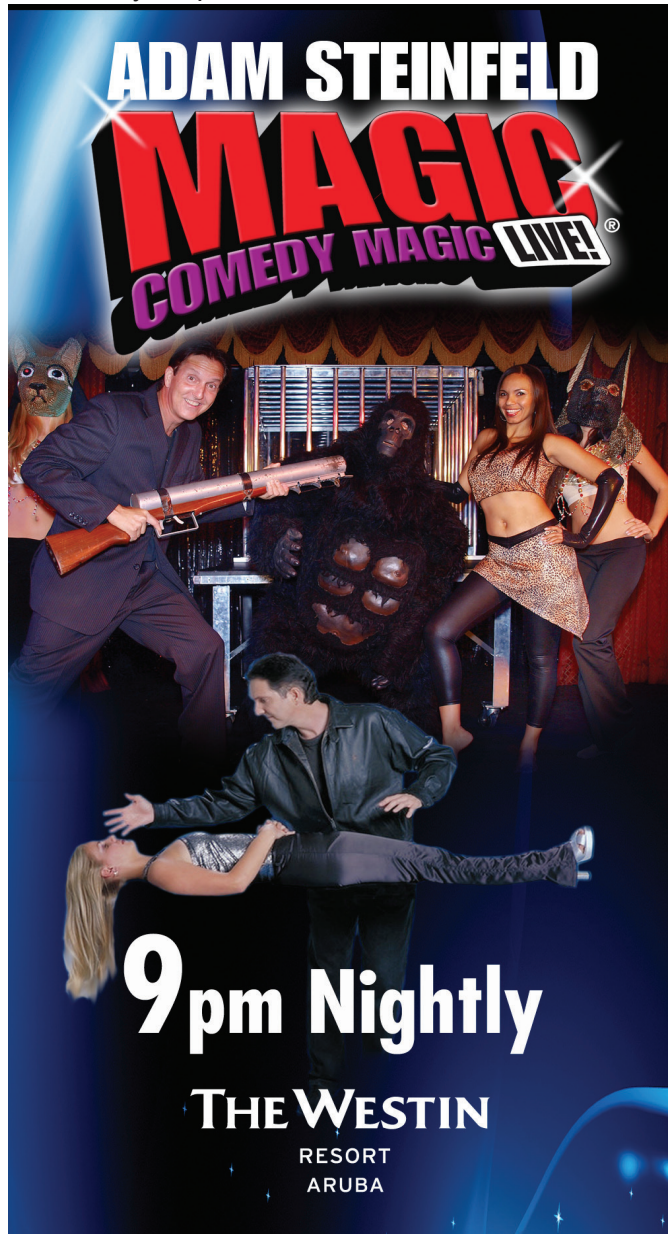
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In this Jan. 16, 2008, file photo, Bob DuPuy, chief operating officer of Major League Baseball, talks to reporters during owners' meetings in Scottsdale, Ariz. DuPuy has resigned following 8 1/2 years as commissioner Bud Selig's top aide. The move is effective Oct. 31, 2010, and Selig doesn't currently intend to replace him.

*Associated Press*

## DuPuy quits as baseball's chief operating officer

By RONALD BLUM

AP Sports Writer

NEW YORK — Bob DuPuy resigned Tuesday as Major League Baseball's chief operating officer following 8 1/2 years as commissioner Bud Selig's top aide. The move is effective Oct. 31, and Selig doesn't currently intend to replace him. DuPuy was Selig's outside lawyer when he became executive vice president for administration in 1998. He was promoted to president in March 2002 and replaced Paul Beeston. Relations between Selig and DuPuy have become strained in recent years. DuPuy declined to comment on his situation this week. Earlier Tuesday, Gene Orza said he will retire as the players' association No. 2 official on March 31. The 64-year-old has been with the union since 1985. DuPuy first attracted attention in baseball when he negotiated the \$280 million collusion settlement with the union in 1989 after arbitrators found owners violated their labor contract by acting in concert to not sign free agents after the 1985, 1986 and 1987 seasons. □

## Woods ready for Ryder Cup challenge

DOUG FERGUSON

AP Golf Writer

NEWPORT, Wales (AP)

— The Ryder Cup is getting personal for Tiger Woods.

Interrupting an otherwise dull press conference Tuesday, Woods fired back at a comment Rory McIlroy made six weeks ago that "I would love to face" the world's No. 1

player in the Ryder Cup unless his game rapidly improved.

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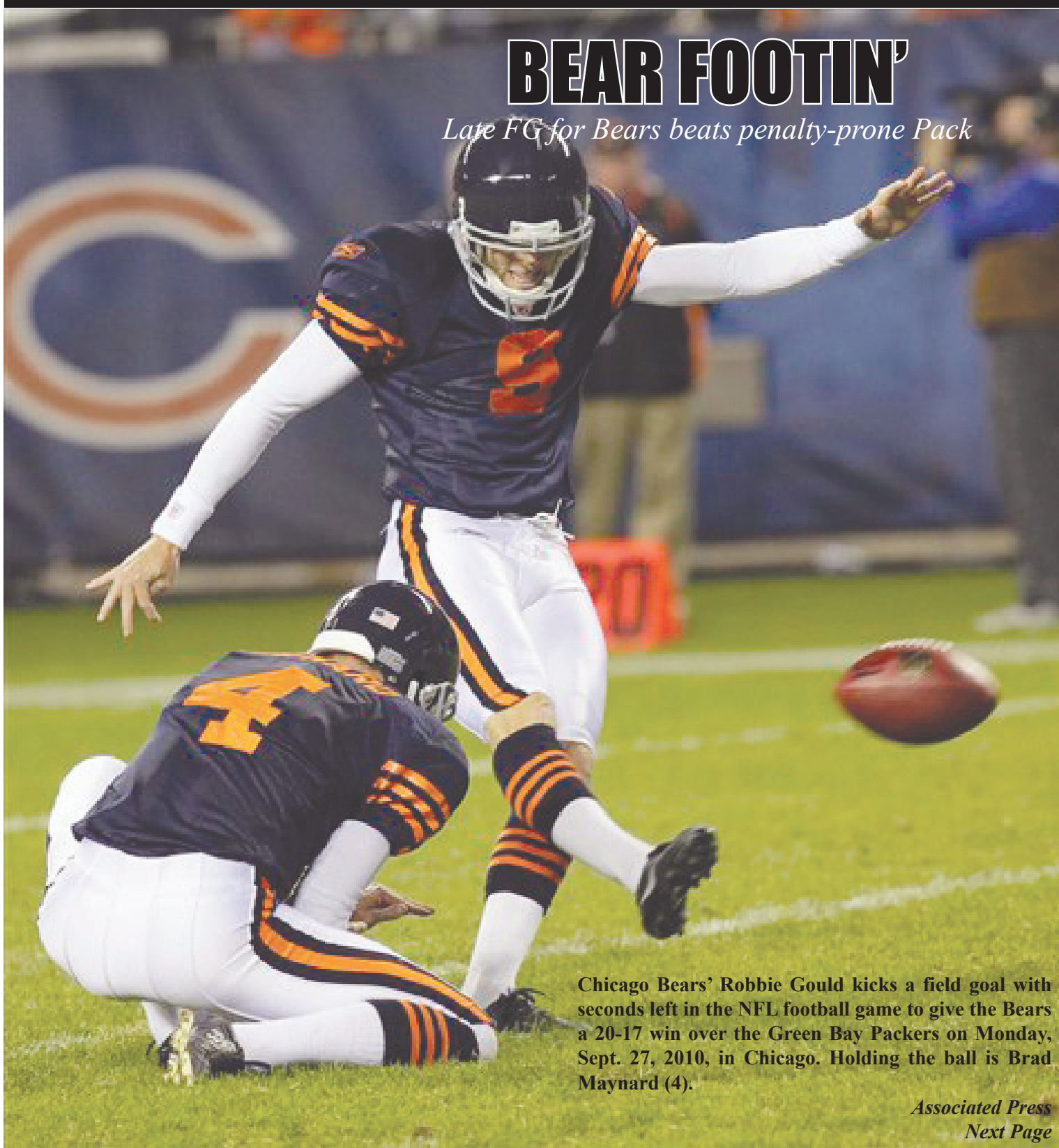
Tiger Woods of the U.S. reacts during a press conference before the start of the 2010 Ryder Cup golf tournament in Newport, Wales, Tuesday, Sept. 28, 2010. The tournament starts Friday Oct. 1.

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## BEAR FOOTIN'

*Late FG for Bears beats penalty-prone Pack*



Chicago Bears' Robbie Gould kicks a field goal with seconds left in the NFL football game to give the Bears a 20-17 win over the Green Bay Packers on Monday, Sept. 27, 2010, in Chicago. Holding the ball is Brad Maynard (4).

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*NFL Roundup*

# Chicago Bears beat undisciplined Green Bay Packers 20-17

ANDREW SELIGMAN

AP Sports Writer

Still doubting the Bears? Jay Cutler threw for 221 yards, Brian Urlacher forced a key fumble and Chicago took advantage of a team-record 18 penalties by the Packers to beat Green Bay 20-17 on Monday night.

Robbie Gould won it with a 19-yard field goal with 4 seconds left. The Packers' James Jones lost a fumble on a hit by Urlacher in the final minutes. Then Morgan Burnett was called for pass interference on Earl Bennett, setting up the winning kick. Chicago is 3-0 and alone atop the NFC North. The Packers fell to 2-1.

"It's fun, that is all you can ask for," Cutler said. "The defense did a great job, we struggled the whole game, felt like we kind of were killing ourselves."

The Bears kept insisting they were contenders through a sloppy preseason and less-than-inspiring opening win over Detroit. Since then, they turned heads with a win at Dallas last week, and stamped themselves as contenders by beating Green Bay — with lots of help from the Packers. The Bears had tied it at 17 on a 25-yard field goal by Gould when Urlacher jarred the ball out of Jones' hands after the receiver caught a pass from Aaron Rodgers near midfield. Tim Jennings recovered, giving Chicago the ball on



Chicago Bears wide receiver Devin Hester (23) races toward the end zone on a 62-yard punt return for touchdown against the Green Bay Packers during the second half of an NFL football game Monday, Sept. 27, 2010, in Chicago.

the Packers 46 with 2:18 remaining.

Soon after, another penalty cost the Packers in a big way. On second down at the 33, Cutler tried to hit Bennett deep along the right sideline and Burnett basically hammered him, wiping out an interception by Nick Collins and putting the ball at the 9.

Three plays later, Chicago walked away with a wild win and the only undefeated record in the NFC. "We didn't play our best game and won. That's got to be a good sign," coach Lovie Smith said.

As for the Packers?

"It was an uncharacteristic game on offense for us, well, just as a team," Rodgers said. "Way too many penalties."

Devin Hester delivered his first touchdown return in three years when he ran back a punt 62 yards in the fourth quarter, giving the Bears a short-lived 14-10 lead.

Rodgers threw for 316 yards and a touchdown and also scored on a 3-yard run that gave the Packers a 17-14 lead in the fourth period. Jermichael Finley had nine catches for 115 yards, but the

*Associated Press* sloppiness simply caught up with the Packers in the end.

Cutler completed 16 of 27 passes with a touchdown and interception. Johnny Knox had four catches for 94 yards. Chicago held its longtime rival to 63 yards rushing, but the Bears had only 77 themselves. That turned it into an air game for much of the night.

Hester had just put the Bears ahead by four in the opening seconds of the fourth quarter when the Packers responded with a 62-yard touchdown drive.

A roughing-the-passer penalty

on Henry Melton gave them a first down at the 3. Rodgers, who cramped up a few plays earlier, rolled to his right and lunged into the end zone, making it 17-14. Then the Packers basically gave it away. Frank Zombo got called for a helmet-on-helmet hit against Cutler on the next drive that erased an interception by Nick Barnett. On second down, Collins got called for a late hit on Matt Forte after a 15-yard reception, putting the ball on the Packers 29. Gould made the 25-yard field goal to tie it with 3:59 left.

Hester's return eased the sting after the Bears again were stopped at the goal line for the second time this season when choosing not to go for the field goal. It happened late in the third quarter after Julius Peppers blocked Mason Crosby's 37-yard field goal.

The Bears took over on the 18 and marched to the Packers 1, only to come up short again. Cutler fired a 5-yard pass to a kneeling Bennett between defenders on third down, and the officials ruled Tramon Williams touched Bennett before he leaned over the goal line.

So coach Lovie Smith had to decide to kick the tying field goal or go for the touchdown. Just as he did in the opener, he went for the end zone. This time, Desmond Clark dropped a potential TD pass and Chicago came away empty-handed. □



In this Aug. 6, 2010, photo, San Francisco 49ers offensive coordinator Jimmy Raye, left, talks with quarterback Alex Smith during NFL football training camp in Santa Clara, Calif. The team has a returning quarterback in 2005 No. 1 pick Smith—not to mention the same offensive coordinator in Raye for consecutive seasons for the first time in seven years.

*Associated Press*

## 49ers fire offensive coordinator Jimmy Raye

SANTA CLARA, California (AP) — With their offense struggling in three straight losses, the San Francisco 49ers fired coordinator Jimmy Raye on Monday.

Raye was dismissed one day after San Francisco lost 31-10 at Kansas City to fall to 0-3.

The 49ers have scored 38 points, second fewest in the NFL behind Carolina.

Mike Johnson will move from quarterbacks coach to offensive coordinator. Offensive assistant Jason Michael will take over as quarterbacks coach.

The 49ers were considered a favorite in the NFC West this year, but their offense has stalled, plagued by turnovers and a weak running game.

Raye was in his second season with the 49ers. He has spent more than 30 years in coaching, including a previous stint with San Francisco as wide receivers coach in 1977.

Raye and coach Mike Singletary often disagreed on how to get the offense rolling. Quarterback Alex Smith has been inconsistent, as have the receivers, with only running back Frank Gore a steady contributor.

After the 49ers' 31-6 loss to the Seattle Seahawks in the opener, Raye took the blame for the team's problems on offense. "I bear all the responsibility for the way we operate on offense," Raye said then. "I'm the leader. It's my watch." □



# NFL, union discuss 18-game season, rookie wages

By HOWARD FENDRICH  
WASHINGTON – The NFL and its players' union discussed a proposal to change to an 18-game regular season during a bargaining session Tuesday. The league and the NFL Players Association issued a joint statement about the meeting, saying that negotiations "focused on several matters," including the longer regular season, a rookie wage scale and improvements for retired players. "Both sides look forward to continuing these discussions and reaching a new collective bargaining agreement," the statement said. Tuesday's talks took place in Washington, where the NFLPA has its headquarters. The current collective bargaining agreement expires in March, and NFLPA executive director DeMaurice Smith has said he believes owners are preparing for a lockout. League owners and NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell want to expand the regular season from 16 games to 18, and cut the preseason from four games to two. Indianapolis Colts President Bill Polian said Monday he thinks such a switch is a "fait accompli,"

the union has not said it wants to make a change. Goodell has pointed out that the league does not need approval from the players in order to extend the regular season. The players currently get 59.6 percent of designated NFL revenues, a number agreed to in the 2006 CBA. The owners say that's too much, arguing that they have huge debts from building stadiums and starting up the NFL Network and other ventures, making it impossible to be profitable. The NFL generates nearly \$8 billion in revenues annually, with about \$1 billion going to operating expenses. The owners get about 40 percent of the rest, but they want about \$1.3 billion more before the players get their cut, and they'd like two more regular-season games to get more money out of the networks for everyone. Players have said they won't agree to a new deal that amounts to a pay cut. Smith has been warning players since he took office in early 2009 to put aside money in case of a work stoppage. The union has started the process of having players vote to decertify the union, a step

that eventually would allow players to sue the NFL if the owners decide to impose a lockout. The NFLPA was decertified in 1989, two years after a failed players' strike. It returned as a union in 1993, when a contract was reached with the league that provided for free agency. That landmark CBA was renewed or restructured several times since 1993, including in 2006. The owners opted out of that deal two years ago. □

NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell, left, talks with Cleveland Indians general manager Mark Shapiro, standing with his son Caden, before the Cleveland Browns took on the Kansas City Chiefs in an NFL football game on Sunday, Sept. 19, 2010, in Cleveland.

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## Braves nose ahead in NL wild-card race

The Associated Press

ATLANTA (AP) — Omar Infante singled home the winning run with two outs in the 11th inning as the Atlanta Braves beat the Florida Marlins 2-1 on Monday to keep up their push for the National League wild-card spot.

The Braves moved half a game in front of San Diego for the wild card with five games to play.

NL Roundup The Braves had lost five of six, scoring a total of just nine runs in that span. They barely scored enough to win this time at Turner Field, where they have the best home record in the majors at 53-23.

Nate McLouth opened the 11th with a walk and moved up on a sacrifice by Alex Gonzalez. Rick Ankiel walked and both runners moved up on a wild pitch. After a strike out, Infante hit a full-count pitch from Jose Veras (3-3) down the left-field line.



Philadelphia Phillies pitcher Roy Halladay, left, celebrates with teammate Jayson Werth after the Phillies defeated the Washington Nationals 8-0 in a baseball game to clinch the National League East on Monday, Sept. 27, 2010, in Washington. Halladay pitched a complete game and Werth had 4 RBIs.

Associated Press

Atlanta's Mike Dunn (2-0) picked up the win getting the final out in the top of the 11th.

In Washington, Philadelphia is the NL East champion for the fourth consecutive year, sealing the honor with a win over Washington.

Fittingly, the clinching victory came from a Roy Halladay (21-10) shutout — his fourth of the season and ninth complete game, both of which are highs in the majors this season. He will head to the playoffs for the first time in his 13th major league season, having played his entire career with Toronto before switching teams for this season.

Halladay gave up only two singles, didn't walk a single batter and struck out six. He faced the minimum 21 batters through seven innings, as a third-inning hit was negated when the next batter grounded into a double play.

The Phillies went ahead

1-0 on the first of Jayson Werth's three hits in the game. It was his 26th homer, a drive to left field off John Lannan (8-8) in the second inning. He finished with four RBIs.

### Dodgers 3, Rockies 1

In Denver, Ted Lilly dominated for eight innings to steer Los Angeles past Colorado.

He gave up one homer, but otherwise bewildered the Rockies. Of Lilly's (9-12) eight strikeouts, five were called.

The reeling Rockies fell five games behind idle San Francisco in the NL West with just six games remaining. Colorado has lost seven of eight since pulling within a game of the divisional lead on Sept. 18. Colorado starter Ubaldo Jimenez (19-8) has one more start, at St. Louis next weekend, to try to become the franchise's first 20-game winner. He went 15-1 in the first half of the season but has found victories hard to come by since.

### Cubs 1, Padres 0

In San Diego, Carlos Zambrano won his seventh straight decision since rejoining Chicago's rotation, helping to knock San Diego out of the wild-card lead.

The Padres, who loaded the bases with two outs in the ninth before Nick Hundley flied out to left, dropped half a game off wild-card holder Atlanta and a full game

behind NL West leader San Francisco.

It was only the second time in 11 games dating to last year that the Cubs beat the Padres.

Zambrano (10-6) held San Diego scoreless over seven innings, striking out five. Carlos Marmol pitched the ninth for his 35th save.

Tim Stauffer (5-5) held Chicago through six innings before the Cubs broke through when Alfonso Soriano doubled and scored on Blake DeWitt's single.

### Cardinals 6, Pirates 4

In St. Louis, the hosts beat Pittsburgh to stay in the NL Central race for at least one more day.

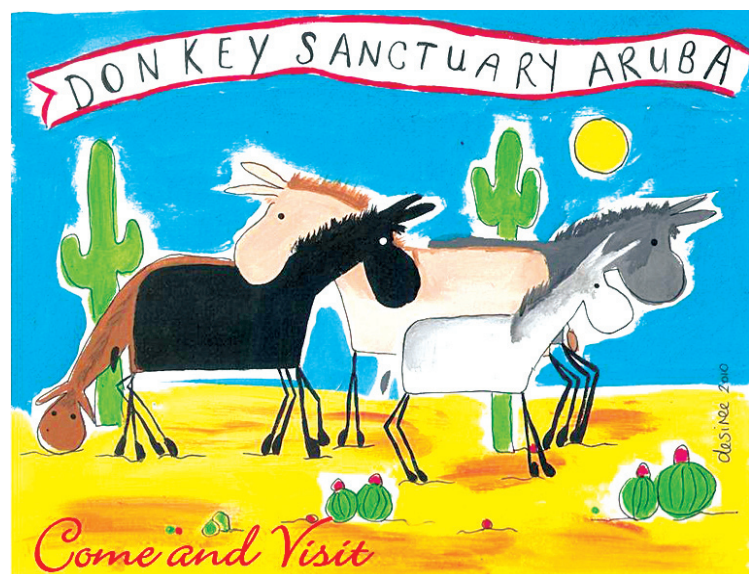
A Cardinals loss would have clinched the division for Cincinnati. The Reds were idle but can still claim the crown with a win in Tuesday's home game against Houston.

Matt Holliday homered and drove in three runs, tying the game at 4-4 with a two run shot in the sixth.

St. Louis' Dennys Reyes (3-1) picked up the win with one scoreless inning in relief.

Pirates reliever Sean Gallagher (2-1) took the loss.

In other NL games it was Philadelphia 8, Washington 0; Atlanta 2, Florida 1, 11 innings; St. Louis 6, Pittsburgh 4; L.A. Dodgers 3, Colorado 1; and Chicago Cubs 1, San Diego 0. □







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# Yankees forced to wait for AL playoff spot

The Associated Press

TORONTO (AP) — Vernon Wells hit a three-run homer and the Toronto Blue Jays hung on for a 7-5 win over New York that delayed the Yankees clinching a playoff spot in the American League.

AL Roundup New York has lost five of six and remains half a game behind Tampa Bay in the AL East division race with five games to play. John Buck added a solo shot for Toronto, which assured itself of at least a .500 finish. The Blue Jays lead the major leagues with 243 home runs this season, one shy of the team record set in 2000.

Toronto starter Marc Rzepczynski (3-4) allowed four hits in five innings to win back-to-back starts for the first time this season. He matched a career high with nine strikeouts. Yankees starter A.J. Burnett (10-15) allowed seven runs in 2 1-3 innings, his second shortest start of the year. He is 0-3 with a 9.61 ERA in four starts against his former team this season.

## Red Sox 6, White Sox 1

In Chicago, Clay Buchholz outpitched Mark Buehrle to steer Boston past Chicago. A Red Sox loss would've locked up playoff spots for the Rays and Yankees. Instead, Boston took an early lead, pulled away and stayed mathematically in the wild-card race while the two AL East rivals lost.

Buchholz (17-7) pitched eight innings, striking out five and walking only one to give Boston the opener of this four-game series.

Buehrle (12-13) gave up 11 hits in six innings and lost his third straight decision.

## Royals 10, Twins 8

In Kansas City, Jarrod Dyson hit his first major league home run and caught 10 fly balls in center field, helping Kansas City beat Minnesota.

Dyson, called up from the minors earlier this month, snapped an 0-for-15 skid with a two-run homer in a six-run second inning.

Dyson also tied a team record for putouts by an outfielder. Amos Otis (1979) and Carlos Beltran (1998) also had 10

each.

Royals reliever Philip Humber (2-1) picked up the win while Jeff Manship (2-1) took the loss for the Twins.

In St. Petersburg, Florida, Brian Matusz pitched seven impressive innings to guide Baltimore past Tampa Bay.

Matusz (9-12) matched a career high with eight strikeouts. Nick Markakis had an RBI triple off Rays rookie Wade Davis (13-9) in the fifth inning. The Orioles scored three times in the seventh, with Markakis delivering a run-scoring single.

In Anaheim, Oakland rookie pitcher Justin James gifted the go-ahead runs to Los Angeles by hitting a batter and walking another with the bases loaded.



Toronto Blue Jays' Vernon Wells, right, celebrates with Blue Jays' Yunel Escobar, left, and Travis Snider, center, after hitting a three run home run against the New York Yankees starting pitcher A.J. Burnett during the third inning of a baseball game in Toronto on Monday, Sept. 27, 2010.

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Hideki Matsui tied the game with an RBI single off James, who replaced Brad Ziegler (3-6) after he had walked Alberto Callaspo.

James loaded the bases with a walk, then grazed Erick Aybar with a pitch to force in the go-ahead run and walked pinch-hitter Hank Conger to bring in another and give the Angels a

6-4 lead.

**In other AL games it was Cleveland 6, Detroit 3; Toronto 7, N.Y. Yankees 5; Baltimore 4, Tampa Bay 0; Seattle 7, Texas 5; Boston 6, Chicago White Sox 1; Kansas City 10, Minnesota 8; and L.A. Angels 6, Oakland 5.**

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Juan Martin Del Potro of Argentina waves as he leaves center court after losing the first round match to Olivier Rochus of Belgium at the PTT Thailand Open tennis tournament in Bangkok, Thailand Tuesday, Sept. 28, 2010. Del Potro lost with score 6-7(7), 4-6.

*Associated Press*

# Del Potro comeback ends in defeat at Thailand Open

NONTHABURI, Thailand (AP) — Juan Martin del Potro's highly-anticipated return to

the tour ended in a 7-6 (7), 6-4 defeat by Belgium's Olivier Rochus at the Thailand Open on Tuesday.

The 2009 US Open champion was playing his first match since a January loss to Marin Cilic in the fourth round of the Australian Open. He has since been sidelined with a wrist injury that required surgery.

"I played a good match," Del Potro said. "I had my chances in the first-set tiebreak and he played some great points. I'm just happy to be back on the circuit and I hope I get better and better. He played very well today."

Rochus took 1 hour, 44 minutes to knock out the former world No. 4.

Top-seeded Rafael Nadal will play his first match since winning the US Open and completing a career Grand Slam when he faces Belgian qualifier Ruben Bemelmans on Thursday.

Bemelmans won the first ATP match of his career on Tuesday when he beat fellow qualifier Federikson Nielsen of Denmark.

"Winning my first ATP match is a great thing, and to get to play against Rafael Nadal in the second round is just an extra," said Bemelmans. "I will just go on court, enjoy the match and see what happens."

"It's not going to be easy against him, he's the No.1 player and already a legend, and

he's only 24. I'll give everything I have on court and let's see what it will bring."

Rochus, who stands 5-foot-6 tall to Del Potro's 6-foot-6, was solid from the baseline and relied on strong counterattacking against an erratic opponent.

Del Potro faced set point at 6-5, 30-40, but he escaped by blasting three successive aces to force the tiebreak. The Argentine then fought back from 0-3 down to earn a set point of his own following a backhand winner, but Rochus replied with his own sharp backhand to level at 6-6 before a powerful forehand wrapped up the first set in 55 minutes.

Del Potro surged into a 2-0 lead in the second set but unforced errors cost him the next three games to fall down a break at 2-3. At 3-5, Del Potro took risks with big shots to save two match points, but his resistance did not last long and Rochus sealed victory in the next game when the Argentine's backhand sailed wide.

In other first round play, eighth-seeded Michael Berrer of Germany also suffered a first round exit, when Guillermo Garcia-Lopez of Spain stunned him 6-4, 7-6(4) in 1 hour, 33 minutes.

Germany's Rainer Schuettler beat Ricardo Mello of Brazil 6-4, 6-2, Dudi Sela of Israel defeated Konstantin Kravchuk of Russia 6-3, 6-4, and Mikhail Kukushkin of Kazakhstan battled to a 6-3, 6-7 (4), 6-4 victory over Ryler DeHeart of the U.S. □

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# Landis says he waited too long to own up to doping

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AP Sports Writer

MELBOURNE, Australia (AP) — Disgraced cyclist Floyd Landis says he waited almost four years to reveal his doping because he knew once he'd admitted lying, he would not be believed about the widespread use of performance enhancing drugs in the sport.

After years of denials, Landis — stripped of the 2006 Tour de France title because of doping — admitted in May to using performance-enhancing drugs and accused others, including former teammate and seven-time Tour de France winner Lance Armstrong of doping. Armstrong has vehemently denied ever doping and his attorney has described Landis as a "serial liar."

Landis, speaking at an Australian conference on the eve of the road cycling world championships, said Tuesday that until more people own up to their doping, cycling will continue to have a problem with drug cheats.

"Until I can sit here, and a lot of other people can sit down and talk about how it came to be that way, it's going to be hard to find a solution," he said. "If I can be a catalyst for that, so be it. I don't care to take any credit for it because part of why I'm doing what I'm doing is for my own conscience and my own well being."

"As much as it hurts to sit and tell my mom I lied, and to tell other people that I lied, it's better than the alternative."

The American acknowledged he waited too long before coming clean.

"I knew that having defended myself in the

beginning, and having lied about never having doped, that no matter when I changed the story and no matter when I decided to tell the details of what I'd done, the argument was always going to be the same. It was going to be that I shouldn't be believed now," Landis said.

"It took me longer than it probably should have."

Landis' allegations prompted an ongoing wide-ranging U.S. federal probe to center on Armstrong and his associates. The investigation was being pursued by U.S. prosecutors and Food and Drug Administration agent Jeff Novitzky.

Landis said doping was endemic in cycling when he was caught.

"There were plenty of good people in cycling who made the same decisions I did," he said.

"And it was never their intention to cheat anybody. It was never their intention to hurt anybody, it's just that it was so commonplace that you could rationalize it in your mind that you weren't hurting anybody."

A federal grand jury sitting in Los Angeles has been hearing evidence in its doping probe, and investigators have contacted American riders, sponsors and associates of Armstrong.

"I really didn't want to put anyone else through (what I went through after being caught)," Landis said. "It was an unpleasant experience to say the least. And even to this day I wish there was a way to tell the truth without getting anyone else involved. □

## Guillen says he's coming back to manage White Sox



Chicago White Sox head coach Ozzie Guillen argues a call with first base umpire Eric Cooper, right, playing against the Los Angeles Angels in the eighth inning of their baseball game Sunday, Sept. 26, 2010, in Anaheim, Calif.

Associated Press

CHICAGO (AP) — Ozzie Guillen is all set to return in 2011 as manager of the Chicago White Sox.

Guillen is already under contract for next season with

a team option for 2012, but there had been speculation the Venezuelan would leave to join another Major League Baseball club.

Guillen said he had separate

discussions on Monday with White Sox chairman Jerry Reinsdorf and general manager Ken Williams.

"I'm very excited," Guillen said. "I want to be a White Sox for the rest of my life."

"It was a very good conversation, a great conversation."

Williams said it was a short meeting.

"I asked him directly did he want to be here and be the manager of the Chicago White Sox? He said, 'Absolutely,'" Williams said.

"He said he never asked for an extension. But he did want to know what his status was."

Guillen and the GM have clashed in the past, but Williams said all that was in the past.

"The waters haven't been as smooth as in the past around here," Williams said. □



Floyd Landis speaks during a press conference in Geelong, Australia, Tuesday, Sept. 28, 2010 ahead of the road cycling world championships. Disgraced U.S. cyclist Landis says he waited almost four years to reveal his doping because he knew once he'd admitted lying, he would not be believed about the widespread use of performance enhancing drugs in the sport.

Associated Press

## AP Source: Armstrong team staffer to talk to jury

GREG RISLING

Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A staff member of Lance Armstrong's Team RadioShack, who also has a connection to Floyd Landis, is expected to testify Wednesday before a grand jury investigating allegations of doping in professional cycling, a person with knowledge of the probe said.

Allen Lim, an exercise physiologist whom Landis said helped him cheat with doping during his career, was called to appear before the panel in Los Angeles, according to the person, who spoke on condition of anonymity Tuesday because the investigation was ongoing.

Lim would be the latest witness in a probe that has featured some of cycling's biggest names, including Armstrong, Landis and Tour de France winner Greg LeMond.

Lim, who joined Team RadioShack for the 2010 season, has denied the allegations by Landis, who also accused seven-time Tour winner Armstrong of doping.

Armstrong became a more important figure in the probe after Landis dropped long-standing denials and admitted he used performance-enhancing drugs. In doing so, he accused Armstrong and others of systematic drug use. Landis won the Tour in 2006 but was stripped of his title for doping.

Landis also made his accusations in an e-mail, and Lim was mentioned in it.

Armstrong has vehemently denied the accusations, and his attorney has described Landis as a "serial liar."

Thom Mrozek, a spokesman for the U.S. Attorney's Office in Los Angeles, declined comment when asked about whether Lim was appearing before the grand jury.

Last week, Stephanie McIlvain, a longtime Armstrong friend, spent a day testifying before the grand jury. Her attorney later said McIlvain told the panel she had never heard Armstrong admit that he used banned substances.

McIlvain was present in the hospital room where Armstrong was being treated for cancer in 1996, when former teammate Frankie Andreu and his wife, Betsy, claim the cyclist told doctors he used performance-enhancing drugs.

Armstrong has denied that he cheated — or that he made such a statement — and McIlvain has previously testified in a civil case that she didn't hear Armstrong admit to doping in that conversation. □



**RYDER CUP**

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Asked for a reaction, Woods leaned into the microphone and said only, “Me, too.” The quote from McIlroy — the closest thing to bulletin board material at Celtic Manor — came the week after Woods’ golf reached a low point in a dismal season. He had the highest score of his career and beat only one player in the 80-man field at Firestone.

McIlroy was not worried that he had given Woods or the U.S. team any more motivation.

“I’m fine. I’m all right,” said the 21-year-old from Northern Ireland. “You’ve got to realize, I said those things the week after he had just shot 18 over at Akron, so he wasn’t playing too well at the time.”

Woods was aware of the comment before arriving in Wales.

He mentioned the quote two weeks ago at Cog Hill while talking about Stephen Ames, whom Woods had beaten 9 and 8 in the Match Play Championship after Ames was quoted making fun of Woods’ accuracy.

“At least Rory said, ‘Unless my game improves,’” Woods said in Chicago.

There also were stories circulating at Cog Hill that Woods had said to

McIlroy upon passing him, “Careful what you wish for.” McIlroy, however, denied that ever happened. The singles matches on Sunday, which decide the Ryder Cup, are a long way off. And because it’s a blind draw, there is no guarantee Woods and McIlroy would play each other. Singles rarely has been a problem for Woods or the other top American players. Woods, Phil Mickelson and Jim Furyk — the core of the U.S. team since 1997 — collectively have won 125 times on the PGA Tour, including 19 majors. That hasn’t carried over into the Ryder Cup. In singles, they are 10-6-2, with Woods and Furyk losing only once. In fourballs and foursome matches, with different partners in the 18 Ryder Cups they have played, that trio is 18-34-9. Maybe that explains why they all have losing records, and have played on losing teams. “It’s disappointing,” Furyk said. “But I guess we’ve got an opportunity to get closer back to square. Instead of looking at the past, I think right now you look ahead. You look ahead to Friday, Saturday, Sunday and not worry about what’s happened. The bad news is the last 20 years, we



**Tiger Woods of the U.S. team tees off during a practice session at the 2010 Ryder Cup golf tournament in Newport, Wales, Tuesday, Sept. 28, 2010. The tournament starts Friday Oct. 1.**

haven’t won very often. Right now ... try to figure out how we’re going to take the cup back home with us.” Tuesday was the first day of practice on the Twenty Ten course at Celtic Manor, designed specifically for the Ryder Cup. What began under a light drizzle soon gave way to mild sunshine, only for rain to arrive toward the afternoon. Based on the foursomes both captains sent out, there were no surprises. Europe started on the back nine with Francesco and Edoardo Molinari playing with McIlroy and Graeme McDowell of Northern Ireland. Ian Poulter, Luke Donald, Padraig Harrington and Ross Fisher brought up the rear. European captain Colin Montgomerie defended his selection of Harrington, a three-time major winner who has not won in two years, saying he played the best of anyone on his side during practice and made two eagles. “There’s reasons why Padraig Harrington was picked, and judge me about that selection on Oct. 4,” Montgomerie said. Montgomerie cited the record of Luke Donald — 5-1-1 — when he made the Englishman a captain’s pick. Donald, Ian Poulter and Lee

Westwood all have winning records in the Ryder Cup. They are considered to be good Ryder Cup players. Does that mean Woods, Mickelson and Furyk are not good Ryder Cup players because of their records? “You can say that about a number of players,” Montgomerie said. “Tiger’s record in the Ryder Cup is not quite as bad as people think it is. It’s just because his individual record is incredible. “Who says that won’t happen this week?” Woods played alongside Steve Stricker, with whom he was 4-0 at the Presidents Cup a year ago. They were joined by Hunter Mahan and Zach Johnson, while the anchor foursomes was Mickelson and Dustin Johnson with Bubba Watson and Rickie Fowler, the 21-year-old who became the first PGA Tour rookie to be picked for the Ryder Cup. Woods got through his least favorite part of the week — his press conference — putting little thought into any of his answers, except when he listened to one British reporter refer to him as an ordinary golfer. Woods thought he recognized the reporter from the British Open who harshly asked whether he would respect the game.

*Associated Press*

“I hope you’re having a good week,” Woods replied. His teammates painted a different picture, especially Stricker. Woods gave him a putting tip during the practice round, and Stricker noted that Woods was hitting the ball crisply and his spirits were high. “He’s talking very positively,” Stricker said. “I think his motivation level is high, as it is always in this event. I think he’s a little misunderstood when it comes to these team events.” Asked what he meant by talking positively, Stricker said it appeared to him that Woods was “in a good place.” The sex scandal that led to so many humiliating headlines also cost him his marriage — the divorce became official Aug. 23 — and kept Woods from qualifying for the Ryder Cup team for the first time. He is playing as a captain’s pick, although Woods says he feels no extra pressure to perform. Even so, he no longer looks as unbeatable — even in individual tournaments — and McIlroy picked up on that. “He’s still a fantastic guy, and I’m sure he’ll get back to winning the way he used to,” McIlroy said. “For the meantime, I suppose a little bit of that aura is probably gone.” □

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# BlackBerry maker offers tablet aimed at businesses

ANDREW VANACORE,  
AP Business Writer

NEW YORK – The company that gave us the BlackBerry – still the dominant phone in corporate circles – thinks its business customers will have room in their briefcases for at least one more device: the PlayBook.

Research In Motion Ltd. showed off the tablet for the first time Monday and is set to launch it early 2011, with an international rollout later in the year. With it RIM is betting on a smaller, lighter device than Apple Inc.'s iPad, which kicked-started the tablet market when it launched in April.

The PlayBook will have a 7-inch screen, making it half the size of the iPad, and weigh about the same as the iPad's. And unlike the iPad, it will have two cameras, front and back. RIM didn't say what it would cost, but said it would be in the same range as the iPad, which starts at \$499.

The PlayBook will be able to act as a second, larger screen for a BlackBerry phone, through a secure short-range wireless link. When the connection is severed – perhaps because the user walks away

with the phone – no sensitive data like company e-mails are left on the tablet. Outside of Wi-Fi range, it will be able to pick up cellular service to access the Web by linking to a BlackBerry.

But the tablet will also work as a standalone device. RIM co-Chief Executive Jim Balsillie said its goal is to present the full Web experience of a computer, including the ability to display Flash, Adobe Systems Inc.'s format for video and interactive material on the Web. That means the tablet will be less dependent on third-party applications or "apps," Balsillie said.

"I don't need to download a YouTube app if I've got YouTube on the Web," said Balsillie, who leads the company along with co-CEO Mike Lazaridis.

Apple CEO Steve Jobs has resisted allowing Flash on any of the company's mobile gadgets, arguing the software has too many bugs and sucks too much battery life.

"Much of the market has been defined in terms of how you fit the Web to mobility," Balsillie said. "What we're launching is really the first mobile product that is designed to give full

Web fidelity."

In part, the PlayBook is a move by RIM to protect its position as the top provider of mobile gadgets for the business set. Balsillie says he has had briefings with company chief information officers and "this is hands-down, slam-dunk what they're looking for." Analysts agree that RIM's close relationship with its corporate clients could help the company establish a comfortable niche in the tablet market despite Apple's early lead.

"We do think that RIM has a play with enterprise customers because it has established relationships with so many businesses, and its technology is so deeply integrated with their IT departments," IDC analyst Susan Kevorkian said. RIM is using a new operating system, built by QNX Software Systems, which it took over earlier this year, to harness the power of the tablet, but Balsillie said it will run existing apps for BlackBerry phones.

IDC predicts that the corporate market for tablet computers will grow as a portion of overall sales over the next few years. The firm forecasts



This product image provided by Research In Motion, shows the new Playbook.

(AP Photo/Research In Motion)

that roughly 11 percent of overall tablet shipments, or 6.5 million units, will be to businesses, government agencies or schools by 2014. That would be up from just 2 percent, or 300,000 units, this year. And that figure doesn't count those who buy tablet computers on their own and use them for work.

RIM, which is based in Waterloo, Ontario, doesn't want the PlayBook to be just for work – the company invited video game maker Electronic Arts to help introduce the Playbook at an event in San Francisco on Monday – but it's clear that its advantages will lie in

the work arena. Amazon.com Inc. announced it would make its Kindle e-book reading software available for the tablet.

The iPad has prompted a wave of competitors, so RIM won't be alone going after the tablet market. Computer maker Dell Inc. came out with its own tablet computer in August called the Streak. Samsung Electronics Co. plans to launch the Galaxy Tab next month and has already lined up all four major U.S. carriers to sell it and provide wireless service for it. Cisco Systems Inc. is also going after business customers with a tablet called the Cius early next year. □

## 'Father' of Iran blogging jailed for 19 years: report



An Iranian youth browses a political blog at an internet cafe in the city of Hamadan. A Canadian-Iranian credited with starting the blogging movement in Iran has been sentenced to more than 19 years in prison, a media report said Tuesday.

TEHRAN – A Canadian-Iranian credited with starting the blogging movement in Iran has been sentenced to more than 19 years in prison, a media report said Tuesday.

Hossein Derakhshan was convicted

of collaborating with "enemy states and of propaganda against the Islamic system," the conservative Mashreghnews website reported, quoting a judicial source.

The court also found him guilty of "promoting counter-revolutionary

cells and insulting Islamic sanctities."

In 2001, Derakhshan sparked a blogging revolution in Iran by posting precise instructions on how to set up Persian-language blogs.

He visited Iran's arch-foe Israel on his Canadian passport in 2006. He chronicled his experience on his Persian- and English-language blogs, saying he sought to show Israelis and Iranians a different image of each country.

He was arrested after returning to Iran in November 2008.

Derakhshan was handed a 19-and-a-half-years sentence and also banned from media activity for five years, the website reported without clarifying if that was from the time of his eventual release.

Fars news agency quoted another source as confirming the ruling, adding that Derakhshan may appeal.

Last week, media watchdogs

Canadian Journalists for Free Expression and PEN Canada said the prosecutor had called for Derakhshan to face the death penalty after he was convicted by Tehran's revolutionary court earlier this year.

Derakhshan is the third Canadian journalist to be arrested in Iran in recent years. In July 2003, Canadian-Iranian photo-journalist Zahra Kazemi died in prison and Newsweek correspondent Maziar Bahari was briefly detained in 2009.

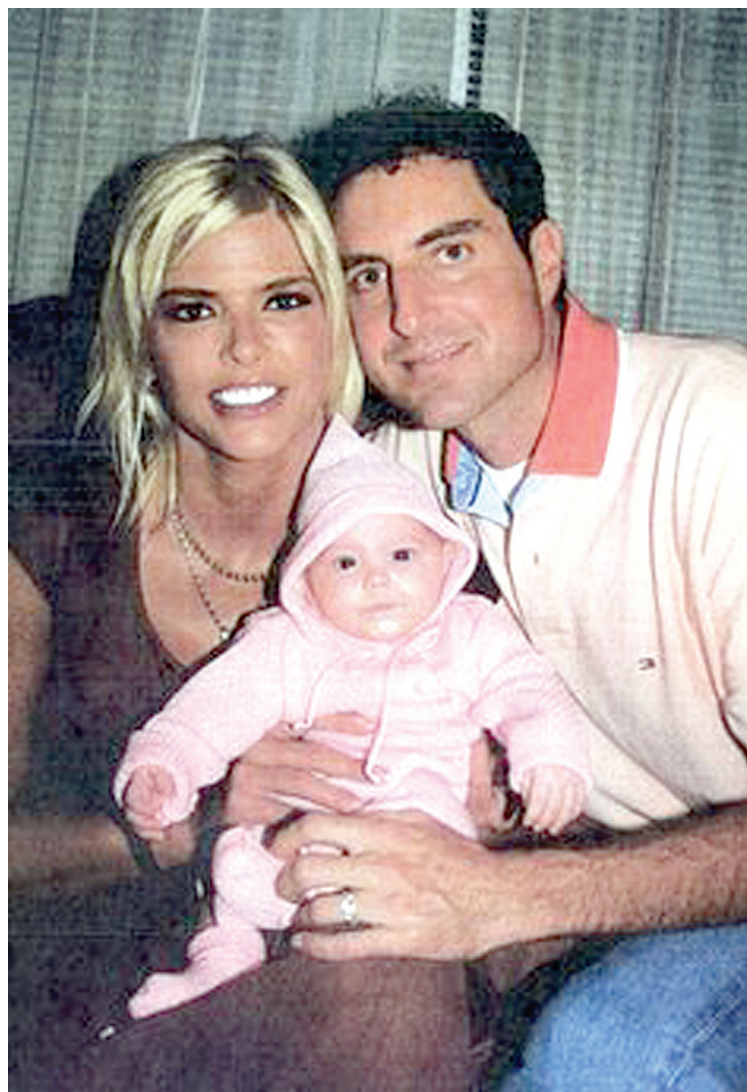
Iran does not recognise dual nationality.

Meanwhile, opposition website Kalame.net reported on Tuesday that Issa Saharkhiz, a pro-reform journalist accused of insulting supreme guide Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, was given a five year prison sentence.

Saharkhiz may also appeal, Fars said. □



# High court will reconsider Anna Nicole Smith case



This image provided by the Los Angeles County Superior Court shows Anna Nicole Smith with her daughter, Dannielynn and Howard K. Stern. Suggesting pictures are more powerful than words, the defense in the Anna Nicole Smith drug conspiracy case put on a slide show for jurors Friday of 90 photos depicting the last five months of the former Playboy model's life. With defense lawyers planning to call no witnesses after the prosecution rests its case Monday, the photos were their only evidence, designed to show Smith was not impaired by drugs as witnesses have testified.

(AP Photo/ Los Angeles County Superior Court)

By **JESSE J. HOLLAND**,  
Associated Press Writer  
WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court will decide whether the estate of Anna Nicole Smith should get part of the fortune left behind by the elderly Texas billionaire whom Smith married in the mid-1990s. The justices on Tuesday decided to reconsider an appeals court ruling against Smith's estate, which wants to capture some of the \$1.6 billion estate of her husband, J. Howard Marshall, who died in 1995. Marshall's will left nearly all his money to his son, E. Pierce

Marshall, and nothing to Smith. The younger Marshall died in 2006 and Smith died of a drug overdose in 2007. Smith challenged the will, claiming that her husband promised to leave her more than \$300 million above the \$7 million in cash and gifts showered on her during their 14-month marriage. But the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals sided with a Houston jury that said Marshall was mentally fit and under no undue pressure when he wrote a will leaving nearly all of his \$1.6 billion estate to his son and nothing to Smith. Smith's estate is appealing

that ruling. Marshall's estate said it is ready to fight this ruling and noted other appeals in this case have yet to be heard.

"We have never wavered in our commitment to uphold the clearly stated and carefully documented wishes of the late J. Howard Marshall, II concerning how he wished the estate he created be distributed after his death," a statement from the estate said.

The convoluted dispute over J. Howard Marshall's money has its roots in a Houston strip club where he met Smith. The two were wed in 1994 when he was 89 and she 26. Marshall died the next year and his will left his estate to his son.

Smith challenged the will in a Houston probate court, alleging the billionaire's son illegally coerced his father to exclude the former Playboy model from sharing the estate. She alleged that her husband promised to leave her much more.

While the probate case was pending in Houston, Smith filed for bankruptcy in Los Angeles, alleging in federal court filings that her husband promised her a large share of the estate.

In late 2000, the bankruptcy court awarded Smith \$474.75 million, which a federal district court judge reduced to \$89.5 million in 2002.

But in the case's most recent trip up to the Supreme Court, Supreme Court Justice Anthony Kennedy in March 2009 refused to lift a court order that prevented Smith's estate from collecting that money.

Elaine Marshall, Pierce Marshall's widow, had argued that the order preventing Smith's estate from collecting the money should remain in place while the tangle of competing claims was sorted out.

Smith herself showed up at the Supreme Court in 2006, dressed in all black, to hear the justices debate whether she could pursue her late husband's fortune in court. She wept in the courtroom as justices discussed Marshall and whether he had intended to provide for his young wife

in death. The high court ruled in her favor that time. Smith's 4-year-old daughter, Dannielynn Birkhead, was named Smith's heir in 2008 after she died of a drug overdose at 39 at a Florida

hotel. The girl's father, Larry Birkhead, and attorney Howard K. Stern are in charge of the estate.

Stern is on trial for drug conspiracy charges involving opiates and sedatives allegedly given to Smith. □

## NJ chef featured on TV cooking show kills himself

By **BETH DeFALCO**,  
Associated Press Writer

TRENTON, N.J. — A New Jersey chef who described "overwhelming" personal debt when he was featured on Gordon Ramsay's "Kitchen Nightmares" show jumped to his death from the George Washington Bridge.

The body of 39-year-old Joseph Cerniglia was found floating in the Hudson River on Friday. Grace Burgess, a spokeswoman for the New York City medical examiner's office, said the office on Tuesday ruled Cerniglia's death a suicide.

Cerniglia owned Campania in Fair Lawn, N.J., which he bought in 2006. In 2007, the debt-ridden Italian restaurant was featured on Ramsay's show.

During the broadcast, Cerniglia estimated he owed purveyors about \$80,000.

"I'm financially in trouble. The debt of the restaurant alone is overwhelming," he said. "My personal debt — wife, kids, mortgage — that's a lot of debt."

His wife added, "If this business fails, we will lose everything."

"Why did you become a chef-owner if you haven't a clue how to run a business?" Ramsay asks him on the show.

A self-taught chef, Cerniglia worked for the famed New York-based Gallagher's Steakhouse chain for a decade, where he became the executive chef.

Jim Edwards, the culinary director at Chef Central in Paramus, was a close friend for the last seven years. He last saw Cerniglia three weeks ago and said he seemed his cheerful self.

"He never gave the outward appearance that there was anything bothering him," Edwards said. "He was always very creative and upbeat. He had a very infectious smile and a way of making you feel at home."

"It's very tragic, whatever it was he couldn't overcome," Edwards said.

Edwards said his friend benefited from being on Ramsay's show and said he thought it portrayed him in a favorable light overall.

"I thought he fared well," Edwards said. "I was never at the restaurant when it wasn't packed."

Cerniglia is the second former contestant on a Ramsay television show to commit suicide. The other was a former contestant on Ramsey's "Hell's Kitchen" chef competition. Calls and e-mails sent to Ramsay's publicist in London were not immediately returned Tuesday.

Cerniglia leaves behind his wife and three sons, ages 13, 11 and 9.

The family is holding a private funeral service on Wednesday for Cerniglia in Wayne, where he grew up. Relatives declined to talk about him Tuesday when reached by The Associated Press.

In his obituary, his family spoke positively about the show: "He was honored to have his restaurant featured on an episode of 'Gordon Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares' and the television experience was thrilling for him." □







# Home prices to take hit next year in many markets

By ALAN ZIBEL  
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WASHINGTON — Don't take the latest snapshot of U.S. home prices too seriously. The Standard & Poor's/Case-Shiller 20-city index released Tuesday ticked up in July from June. But the gain is merely temporary, analysts say. They see home values taking a dive in many major markets well into next year.

That's because the peak home-buying season is now ending after a dismal summer. The hardest-hit markets, already battered by foreclosures, are bracing for a bigger wave of

homes sold at foreclosure or through short sales. A short sale is when a lender lets a homeowner sell for less than the mortgage is worth.

Add high unemployment and reluctant buyers, and the outlook in many areas is bleak. Nationally, home values are projected to fall 2.2 percent in the second half of the year, according to analysts surveyed by MacroMarkets LLC. And Moody's Analytics predicts the Case-Shiller index will drop 8 percent within a year.

Among the areas likely to endure big price drops, according to Veros, a real estate analysis company:

- Port St. Lucie, Fla., and Reno, Nev., where prices could fall 7 percent over the next year.

- Orlando and Daytona Beach, Fla., which face price drops of at least 6 percent.

- Las Vegas, which led all declines in the latest report, is also expected to post a 6 percent drop. Home values there have already tumbled 57 percent from their peak four years ago.

Las Vegas has been hit by foreclosures and the loss of tourism and construction jobs. More than 70 percent of homeowners there owe more on their mortgages than their homes are worth, according to



In this Sept. 18, 2010 photo, a 'new price' sign has been added to a realtor's sign at a home in Glendale, Calif. Home prices rose in July for the fourth straight month, but many cities are bracing for declines in the year ahead.

(AP Photo/Reed Saxon)

## Deal news helps stocks recover from early losses

By STEPHEN BERNARD,

AP Business Writer

NEW YORK — Stocks mostly rose Tuesday as investors brushed off news that consumer confidence dropped to its lowest level since February.

Traders are focused more on encouraging signs of confidence in the corporate world including a jump in dealmaking. The Dow Jones industrial average rose 33 points in afternoon trading after being down 83 earlier in the day. Broader indexes also erased morning losses.

The Conference Board said its September reading on consumer confidence fell sharply from August and was well below forecasts. Stocks have rallied throughout September as many major economic reports suggested that growth was slightly better than previously thought.

Scott Rostan, founder of Training The Street, which provides courses in financial modeling and corporate valuation, said the small move in stocks compared to the big decline in confidence was indicative of a growing schism between consumers and traders.

"There's a big dichotomy between Main Street sentiment and Wall Street sentiment," Rostan said. Right now, traders are more focused on sentiment and confidence among corporate executives than consumers, he said.

Drug developer Endo Pharmaceuticals Holdings said Tuesday it will buy Qualitest Pharmaceuticals for \$1.2 billion. That comes a day after major companies including Unilever NV and Southwest Airlines Co. announced deals. Wal-Mart Stores Inc. said it was pursuing buying a South African company.

In other corporate news, technology stocks



FILE - In this file photo taken Sept. 17, 2010, Edward G. Scheier works on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange in New York. Stock futures inched higher Tuesday, Sept. 28, as traders were cautiously optimistic about some improving economic reports overseas and corporate dealmaking continued.

(AP Photo/Richard Drew)

were being dragged down on disappointment that Research in Motion Ltd. said it would not roll out its competitor to Apple Inc.'s iPad, called the PlayBook, until the beginning of 2011. Walgreen Co. soared 9 percent after the drugstore chain reported income that easily beat forecasts.

The Dow rose 33.08, or 0.3 percent, to 10,845.12 in afternoon trading. The Dow has jumped 8.3 percent this month and is on pace to have its best September since 1939 as expectations for recovery improve.

Investors are "looking beyond today's news at broader indications a double-dip (recession) is more and more remote," said Joe Heider, a principal at Rehmann Financial. □

real estate data firm CoreLogic. And the city's unemployment rate is nearly 15 percent, one of the highest for major U.S. markets.

The outlook in Orlando is also grim. More than half of borrowers owe more on their mortgages than their properties are worth.

The unemployment rate there is nearly 12 percent.

This year, about 2 million, or 41 percent, of the 5 million homes sold this year will be distressed sales, predict analysts at John Burns Real Estate Consulting in Irvine, Calif. Distressed sales include foreclosures and short sales.

For next year, that figure is on pace to hit 2.4 million homes, or 45 percent of all sales. Distressed sales are projected to make up at least a quarter of the market for the next four years. In healthy housing markets, distressed sales typically make up only 6 to 7 percent of annual sales.

A much brighter outlook is forecast for some areas of the country, especially major cities that never experienced an outsized housing boom — and bust. Major cities in Texas, for example, have relatively healthy economies and low levels of foreclosures.

Dallas home prices fell only 11

percent from their peak in 2007 and bottomed out last year. They have since rebounded about 8 percent. Houston and Dallas are projected to rise about 3 to 4 percent over the next year.

Those markets "don't have the huge supply of homes that a lot of the coastal markets have," said Eric Fox, vice president of economic and statistical modeling at Veros.

Houston and Dallas both have jobless rates of under 9 percent, below the national average of 9.6 percent. And in both cities, fewer than 15 percent of borrowers owe more on their homes than their properties are worth.

Nationally, prices have risen nearly 7 percent from their April 2009 bottom. Yet they remain nearly 28 percent below their July 2006 peak.

Most experts predict about 5 million homes will be sold this year. That would be in line with last year and just above 2008, the worst sales performance since 1997.

The latest changes in the Case-Shiller national index represent a three-month moving average — for May, June and July. Sales in May and June were inflated by government tax credits that have since expired. □



# Tired Lion

When Joe started his executive position in his mid-thirties, he quickly was recognized as the corporate problem solver. Looking forward every morning to his job, Joe attacked every problem at work as a challenge and enjoyed the test of overcoming difficulty preventing his company from reaching their production goals. Life at home also reflected an easy interaction with his wife and children. Life was good; challenging, exciting, and rewarding.

Now, in his late forties, life has taken a down turn. Feeling tired all the time, the same problems at work that were a challenge before now make our executive feel stressed-out or anxious and Joe has started having panic attacks. Worse, Joe has lost interest in the bedroom and is worried that he is developing an erectile dysfunction. Instead of being embarrassed with his loss of virility, he fights with his wife to escape having to perform while his wife has developed a greater interest in sex. When forced to think about the "bedroom problem", he blames his wife's weight gain and not looking like she did when she was twenty four years old.

Joe realizes that these are not all his problems. He avoids many people because he knows he has a reduced resistance to infection and catches every cold and flue that is going around. Gaining weight around his waist, starting to suffer from allergies, Joe came in for a consultation when he realized that his anxiety attacks were getting more frequent and he admitted he was suffering from

headaches and depression.

During Joe's consultation I realized Joe was a tired lion and explained that many people suffer from adrenal exhaustion and they don't know it. Adrenal exhaustion is also known as adrenal fatigue and is a 21st century stress syndrome. It has been estimated that 80% of adults suffer some sort of adrenal fatigue and 95% of visits to our clinic are a direct result of stress. Nearly all of our patients admit to being stressed out by their work, as well as their family obligations.

As easy as the diagnosis of adrenal exhaustion is, developing an individualized treatment plan can be very challenging. One of the symptoms of adrenal exhaustion, excessive fatigue, stimulates the production of the hormone cortisol. As a beneficial hormone, cortisol can greatly enhanced your body's ability to convert carbohydrates to what it will eventually use for energy. Cortisol also aids your body in turning off immune reactions like allergy and inflammation. While this is helpful in an emergency situation, over the long term, continuing exposure to the hormone because of continuous stress results in a suppressed immune system. Byproducts of Cortisol depress brain activity and act as sedatives and cortisol itself blocks serotonin, contributing to a feeling of depression and increases addictive behavior.

This stress hormone also stimulates the breakdown of muscle and bone to supply the body with energy needed

for fight-or-flight reactions. It can also interfere with your hormone levels, allowing further bone breakdown. Over the long-term, bone and muscle can be broken down faster than it is replaced, leading to osteoporosis.

Medical tests are needed to find out exactly where Joe is in his stress cycle. With the constant production of cortisol the adrenal organs cause hormone deficiencies. In clinic I use results from hair tests that show an unhealthy abundance of calcium and copper, but, a deficiency of magnesium. I automatically supplement Joe with magnesium.

Two out of three Americans and Arubans are deficient in magnesium, mostly because of our diet. Supplementing with Magnesium to overcome this deficiency can be especially important for those with adrenal fatigue syndrome because of its role in helping to: maintain blood pressure within normal limits; maintain healthy blood sugar/glucose levels; support energy production; encourage calmness and lessen stress and relax muscles.

Immediately, after his first acupuncture treatment for adrenal exhaustion, Joe feels a difference and realizes that he does not have to start with the anxiety medication and the sleeping pills he has been prescribed. After evaluating Joe's blood tests, I recommend additional dietary supplements to replenish vitamin and mineral deficiencies, protect cells from the damaging effects of free radicals, increase Joe's energy production, and support a healthy digestive system,

The acupuncture treatments and the dietary supplements will support a healthy hormonal system, promote a healthy nervous system, boost Joe's immune system function, allowing him to maintain mental and emotional well-being, that encourages calmness and lessen stress. Joe will have increased mental alertness; will maintain more normal blood sugar levels. With ongoing treatments and medical evaluations, Joe will be able to maintain total body health.

Feeling better physically, Joe will make some lifestyle changes. Joe now realizes how important is getting eight hours of sleep. With the dietary supplements and acupuncture treatments, a good night's sleep your adrenal glands are restored and repaired. Joe now exercises to relax. Walking, YOGA, deep breathing, and stretching are great stress reducers. Vigorous or aerobic exercise can deplete the adrenals. If your symptoms are severe wait until you feel a little stronger to do these.

Nutritionally Joe realizes skipping breakfast is particularly bad, as it is a sure fire way to gain, not lose, weight. If you start each morning with a good breakfast your blood sugar won't take any sharp dips. You'll feel more rested and energetic. Skipping meals is one of the worst things you can do for your body. When you're hungry, your blood sugar drops, stressing your adrenal glands and triggering your sympathetic nervous system. That causes light-headedness, cravings, anxiety and fatigue. Get the point! Realistically, family, job, financial, and



**By: Dr Carlos Viana**

relationship stress are factors that cannot be eliminated. My role is to help you increase your resiliency making you be able to recover quickly from life's stressors. By working together you too can be a lion reborn.

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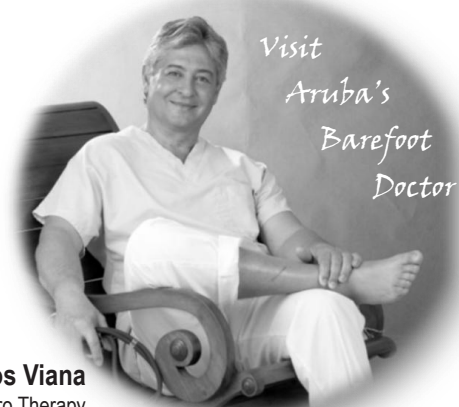
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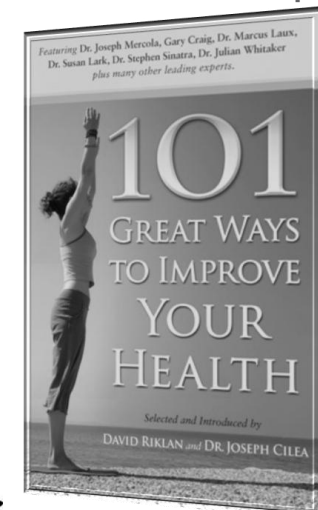
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# Atheists, Jews top religious knowledge survey

By Ed Stoddard

DALLAS – They may not believe in God or gods but they know a thing or two about them.

Atheists and agnostics topped a survey of religious knowledge among Americans released on Tuesday by the Pew Forum on Religion and Public Life.

“On average, Americans correctly answer 16 of the 32 religious knowledge questions on the survey. Atheists and agnostics average 20.9 ... Jews and Mormons do about as well, averaging 20.5 and 20.3 correct answers,” Pew said.

It found Protestants answered 16 correctly and Catholics on average 14.7.

On questions about the Bible and Christianity, Mormons and white evangelical Protestants scored the highest, while Jews, atheists and agnostics trumped the other faiths on their knowledge of Buddhism, Hinduism and Judaism.

“While previous surveys by the Pew Research Center have shown that America is among the most religious of the world’s developed nations, this survey shows that large numbers of Americans are not well informed about the tenets, practices, history and leading figures of major faith traditions -- including their own,” said Pew, which is based in Washington.

To see the “U.S. Religious Knowledge Survey” go to: <http://pewforum.org/Other-Beliefs-and-Practices/U-S-Religious-Knowledge-Survey.aspx>

Highlights of the survey include:

— More than four-in-10 Catholics do not know that their church teaches that the bread and wine used in Communion actually become the body and blood of Christ.

- About half of Protestants cannot correctly identify Martin Luther as the person who sparked the Protestant Reformation.

- Less than half identified Buddhism as the Dalai Lama’s religion, 51 percent knew that Joseph Smith was Mormon and 54 percent correctly said the Koran is the Islamic holy book. More than 80 percent knew that Mother Teresa was Catholic.

- Nine-in-10 Americans know U.S. Supreme Court rulings do not allow teachers to lead public school classes in prayer. But two-thirds incorrectly said Supreme Court rulings prevent them from using the Bible as an example of literature. □

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# Opportunity Rover Finds 6th Mars Meteorite



NASA's Mars rover Opportunity took this close-up photo of an iron meteorite on Mars (Sept. 25 and 26, 2010). The meteorite is called Oilean Ruaidh and is the fifth iron meteorite on Mars discovered by the rover Credit: NASA/JPL-Caltech

**Mike Wall**

After spending the weekend studying a meteorite on Mars, NASA's rover Opportunity headed to yet another space rock — the sixth it has discovered on the Red Planet, SPACE.com has learned.

Opportunity poked and prodded meteorite No. 5 on Saturday (Sept. 25) and Sunday to get up close and personal with the Martian rock. It had spotted the dark, toaster-sized rock at the end of a drive on Sept. 16, and scientists immediately suspected it was an iron meteorite after seeing the rover's photos.

The rock has a dark color and rounded texture, and it's perched on the Martian surface much like a meteorite would be, rover scientists said.

Today (Sept. 27), the rover wrapped up its study and hit the road again on its trek toward a large crater.

But first, it will swing by meteorite No. 6, which scientists just noticed when Opportunity was checking out the earlier one, rover project scientist Bruce Banerdt, of NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, Calif., told SPACE.com today.

This one also looks to be an iron meteorite, and it's about 132 feet (40 meters) away, rover scientists said. Opportunity will take some photos, but it won't linger long.

Martian meteorite up close

For now, scientists will sift through the data and images of the fifth meteorite, which has been given the informal name "Oilean Ruaidh" (pronounced ay-lan ruah) — a Gaelic name of an island off the coast of northwestern Ireland.

Opportunity drove up to take a close look at the meteorite on Sept. 22 and spent the weekend using a camera and spectrometer at the tip of its robotic arm to study the object. "It's definitely an iron meteorite," Banerdt said.

Oilean Ruaidh is the fifth iron meteorite the rover has found since it began exploring the Meridiani Planum region of Mars in 2004. Opportunity stopped to analyze three of the other four, so there was some debate within the team about whether it should take the time to inspect this one, too, Banerdt told SPACE.com.

But in the end, the researchers decided it was worth it.

Meteorites on Mars

Oilean Ruaidh and meteorite No. 6 are within about 5.5 miles (9 km) of the other four meteorites Opportunity has discovered, Banerdt said. The team is interested in knowing if they have a similar composition, and if they're all pieces of what was once a much larger rock.

Such information could help scientists better understand Mars' history of space-rock bombardment, and it could help them learn more about the Red Planet's atmosphere, Banerdt said.

Opportunity has now driven more than 14.5 miles (23.3 km) on Mars, according to NASA officials. The drive to Oilean Ruaidh took the total combined distance driven by Opportunity and its twin, Spirit, to more than 19.26 miles (31 km).

Opportunity and Spirit both landed on Mars in January 2004. Their mission was initially slated to last only about three months, but both far surpassed that lifetime.

Last year, Spirit got bogged down in soft sand for good and, in January of this year, rover mission managers rechristened the robot as a stationary probe. Spirit stopped communicating with Earth in spring of this year, though scientists are hoping to hear from it soon, NASA officials have said.

Opportunity, though, is still going strong and headed to a huge crater called Endeavour, which will be the largest Mars crater yet visited by a NASA rover. □

## Scientists use hovering zeppelin to film whales

By **MANUEL VALDES**,

**Associated Press Writer**

EVERETT, Wash. — Pilot Katharine Board often sees pods of blue, gray and killer whales as she flies along the California coast. Compared to other pilots, however, she has a unique vantage point — low and slow — from the only operational zeppelin in the United States.

Board's airship, a modern model of an aircraft that is a throwback to the 1930s era of aviation, gives her a clear and steady view of the sea giants.

"The great thing about moving slowly and low — we fly 1,000 feet above the ground and our cruising speed is 40 miles per hour — is that you really get to see the world, you really do get to see the places you're in," Board said.

This past month California-based Airship Ventures, the company that owns the zeppelin, donated a day of flying to a group of scientists so they could film and photograph an orca pod in Washington's Puget Sound.

Usually the zeppelin — christened "Eureka" — offers commercial sightseeing flights along the West Coast for up to 12 passengers per flight, with prices ranging from \$200 to \$1,000 per person.

Many associate zeppelin flight with the tragedy of the German passenger airship Hindenburg, which exploded into flames at Lakehurst Naval Air Station in New Jersey on May 6, 1937, killing 36 people.

Since then, there's been many safety improvements with zeppelins, including a key difference: zeppelins no longer employ highly flammable hydrogen as lifting gas. The Eureka uses helium. The Eureka also uses a computerized wire system to steer the ship, and its structure is made of carbonfiber material. While visually similar, zeppelins are different from the blimps often seen at sporting events. Blimps are much smaller and don't have the rigid structure. □



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# Chile: en 15 días estará todo listo para recibir a mineros

MINA SAN JOSE, Chile (AP) - Con una de las tres perforadoras avanzando velozmente y con las autoridades afirmando el martes que en 15 días tendrán todo listo para recibir a los 33 mineros atrapados desde agosto, parecen acortarse las fechas para rescatarlos del fondo del socavón.

La sonda que debe cavar a una profundidad de 624 metros, alcanzó por la tarde el nivel 300, ensanchando un primer forado al diámetro suficiente para que los mineros sean izados dentro de una jaula especial.

Pero los encargados aclararon que eso no significa necesariamente que en 15 se podrá realizar el

rescate. Aún habrá que esperar el fin de las perforaciones.

Todo listo en 15 días significa que la infraestructura exterior estará completa y a disposición para evacuar al grupo, atrapado a 700 metros de profundidad tras un derrumbe en la mina de cobre y oro, en la región de Atacama, a unos 850 kilómetros al sur de Santiago.

De lunes a martes la sonda T-130, o Plan B, avanzó 50 metros en 12 horas, y el martes, en un tercio de jornada, progresó otros 24 metros, informó un rescatista. Alberto Segovia, cuyo hermano Darío es uno de los mineros atrapados hace 54 días en la mina San José, dijo a la AP que

estamos “felices por este metraje al que llegan. Necesitábamos un ánimo de este tipo”.

A las cinco de la tarde sonó una fuerte sirena en el campamento a las afueras de la mina. Al comienzo nadie sabía que significaba, sólo que era algo bueno. Cuando supieron que la T-130 llegó a los 300 metros, las familias de los mineros estallaron en aplausos y gritos de “Viva Chile”. □

Andrés Sougarret, jefe del equipo de rescate de 33 mineros atrapados, habla con la prensa en la mina San José, Copiapó, Chile, el martes 28 de septiembre de 2010. (AP Photo/ Aliosha Marquez)



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